

**NYS Department of State  
Office of Communities and Waterfronts  
Environmental Protection Fund  
Local Waterfront Revitalization Program  
2012 – 2013 Request for Applications #12-LWRP-02**

**Additional Questions & Answers – July 13, 2012**

*The responses to questions included herein are the official responses by the State to questions submitted by potential applicants and are hereby incorporated into RFA # 12-LWRP-02 issued on May 3, 2012. In the event of any conflict between the RFA and these responses, the requirements or information contained in these responses will prevail.*

**Q1:** We have completed the online version of the CFA application for Local Waterfront Revitalization Program funding. We have attachments that we want to submit for the grant application, but the CFA online version does not allow for this, due possibly to file size limit or file format. Can attachments to applications for EPF LWRP funding (which cannot make it through uploading to the CFA) be submitted? If so, to whom should the EPF LWRP attachments be addressed? When must they be submitted to be considered as part of the application?

**A1:** **While it is strongly preferred that all attachments (whether required or optional attachments) be uploaded through the CFA portal, optional attachments related to Local Waterfront Revitalization Program specific questions can be mailed to the Department of State in hard copy format, or submitted in PDF format on a labeled CD-R type CD. Be sure to include the RFA number indicated below along with the specific project application number. Only one copy is needed.**

Address optional attachments as follows:

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Note: **Any optional attachments (not submitted through the CFA portal by the July 16, 2012 4:00PM deadline) must be RECEIVED by the Department 4:00PM Monday July 23, 2012 to be considered.**

Optional attachments received after that date and time will not be considered.

Q2: What are the ownership requirements for construction projects funded through the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program?

**A2: To be reimbursed through Title 11 of the Environmental Protection Fund, Local Waterfront Revitalization Program, construction must be on publically owned land or on land where a permanent public interest will be in place, such as a conservation easement, that allows access to the general public.**

Q3: Please review these projects/activities and let me know as soon as possible if they could be used as grant match for the Lake Erie watershed management plan CFA application that we want to submit.

**A3: The scope of your Local Waterfront Revitalization Program CFA project will matter. See the EPF LWRP RFA, section VIII. FUNDING RESTRICTIONS (page 14 and 15) and specifics regarding eligible costs and ineligible costs. Note that Costs that are not adequately justified or that do not directly support the project will be eliminated from the final grant award (page 15). This applies to both costs for which an applicant would seek reimbursement as well as those proposed as local match.**

**Detail was provided on specific projects some of which may have elements that are directly related to a new CFA application and others that would not seem to be related to a watershed planning project. The circumstances in place related to the projects described matter as well, e.g., when costs were incurred (cost cannot be prior to April 1, 2012), the source of funds involved (e.g., federal funds cannot be used as match for Title 11 LWRP grants), and where physical work is conducted (construction would need to have taken place on public land or on land where there is a permanent public interest in place, such as a conservation easement facilitating access to the general public). Prior construction projects would not be considered as eligible local match for planning and/or design projects, as they would not be considered as directly supporting the project being applied for.**

Q4: Since the Village will have to issue a BAN to cover payment of the grant costs prior to receiving reimbursement, can the interest on the BAN be utilized as part of either the project cost or part of our local match?

**A4: The interest associated with a Bond or Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) cannot be calculated into project cost, whether for reimbursement or local match.**