

# Clean Water Legacy Program Instructions

## ***Background***

The Board of Water and Soil Resources is a partner of an inter-agency team for coordinating water quality restoration and protection projects funded through the Clean Water Legacy (CWL) Act. This team also includes the MN Department of Agriculture (MDA), the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)

The CWL Act provides funding to protect, restore and preserve the quality of Minnesota's surface waters. The first year funding was made available for FY07. This funding was generated from a combination of state general fund, federal, EPA 319 funding, general obligation bonding, and the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund. Local governments must be conducting activities under an approved local water management plan.

Restoration: Projects are eligible for restoration funding if they have an approved TMDL and an MPCA approved TMDL Implementation plan.

Protection: Projects are eligible for protection funding if they address priorities identified in a state approved local water management plan, regardless of the status of the water as impaired.

## **Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) – AgBMP Loan Program**

**AgBMP Loans** are for loan funds available for **restoration** activities for eligible TMDL Implementation Plans.

## **Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) – Financial and Technical Assistance Programs**

**Cost Share Grants** funds are for grants to landowners for permanent activities, and incentive payments for nonpermanent cultural or management activities, in TMDL areas eligible for **restoration** funds.

**Technical Assistance and Engineering Grants** are funds for technical, compliance, and engineering assistance to implement **restoration** activities in eligible TMDL areas and **protection** activities statewide.

**Public Interest Lands Grants** funds for **restoration** and **protection** projects to implement targeted streambank, stream channel, lakeshore, and roadside activities where there is a public interest in the land. **FUNDS WERE ONLY AVAILABLE FOR FY07.**

**Lake and River Management Grants** are funds for other targeted, local, non-point source **protection** activities related to lake and river protection and management. **FUNDS WERE ONLY AVAILABLE FOR FY07 and FY08.**

## **Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) – Non-point Restoration Grants**

**Clean Water Act – Section 319 grants** funds for **restoration** efforts to implement approved TMDL Implementation Plans.

**MPCA/BWSR Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems (SSTS)** – fund are for applicants who have participated in the MPCA’s 2006 Unsewered Area Survey. The County must submit the required survey information, and the County must be in compliance with MS §115.55 Subdivision 2.

**MPCA/BWSR SSTS – Imminent Health Threat Upgrade** – funds are targeted to citizens whose on-site wastewater treatment has been identified an imminent health threat and financial hardships impede system improvements. **FUNDS AVAILABLE FY08**

**Department of Natural Resources (DNR) – Forest Stewardship Grants**

The DNR funds for targeted **restoration** or **protection** efforts for writing **Forest Stewardship plans** and providing 50% cost share for tree and shrub planting within ½ mile of protected waters or high priority surface waters identified in a local water management plan. **FUNDS WERE ONLY AVAILABLE FOR FY07.**

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