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Re: Water Quality Improvement Project Number #120213  
Genesee River Watershed Roadside Stabilization Program

Dear Katie Lafler:

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) program provides important support to communities to protect and restore water resources. We appreciate your application for the more than \$108 million available in this year's Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) process for this vital program.

We are pleased to inform you that the Genesee River Watershed Roadside Stabilization Program project has been selected to receive up to \$610,000 through the WQIP program. If you applied for funding from other programs or other State agencies, you will receive information from those programs/agencies separately.

The Office of State Comptroller (OSC) must approve DEC's documentation of the project solicitation and review process before we can begin the steps to execute a contract with you. When we receive OSC's approval, we will provide additional information to assist you in getting a contract in place. Upon receipt of this additional information, DEC and OSC expect that contracts will be executed within 90-120 days. Contracts for WQIP projects will be completed through the NYS Grants Gateway (<https://grantsgateway.ny.gov/>).

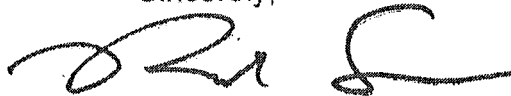
Several steps must be completed by your organization to meet this timeframe. We recommend visiting the Grants Management website at <https://grantsmanagement.ny.gov/resources-grant-applicants> to become familiar with the Grants Gateway and the contracting process.

To get a head start on the contracting process, we suggest that you download the work plan and budget documents from the DEC website (<http://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/101565.html>) and begin drafting work plan and budget information to enter into the Grants Gateway. The earliest contract start date for this round of WQIP projects (other than Land Acquisition for Source Water Protection projects) is May 2, 2022. For Land Acquisition for Source Water Protection projects, the earliest start date is August 1, 2021.

Please note that the work plan and budget for the contract must be consistent with your application. However, any costs/activities in your application that are ineligible (as listed by project type in the 2022 WQIP Program Overview) should not be included. Ineligible costs will not be reimbursed, which may impact your actual funding amount. The 2022 WQIP Program Overview can be viewed at [https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/water\\_pdf/wqiprfa2022.pdf](https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/water_pdf/wqiprfa2022.pdf)

We look forward to working with you on this important water quality project. If you have any questions about your award, please contact the WQIP program staff at [user.water@dec.ny.gov](mailto:user.water@dec.ny.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Basil Seggos', written in a cursive style.

Basil Seggos  
Commissioner