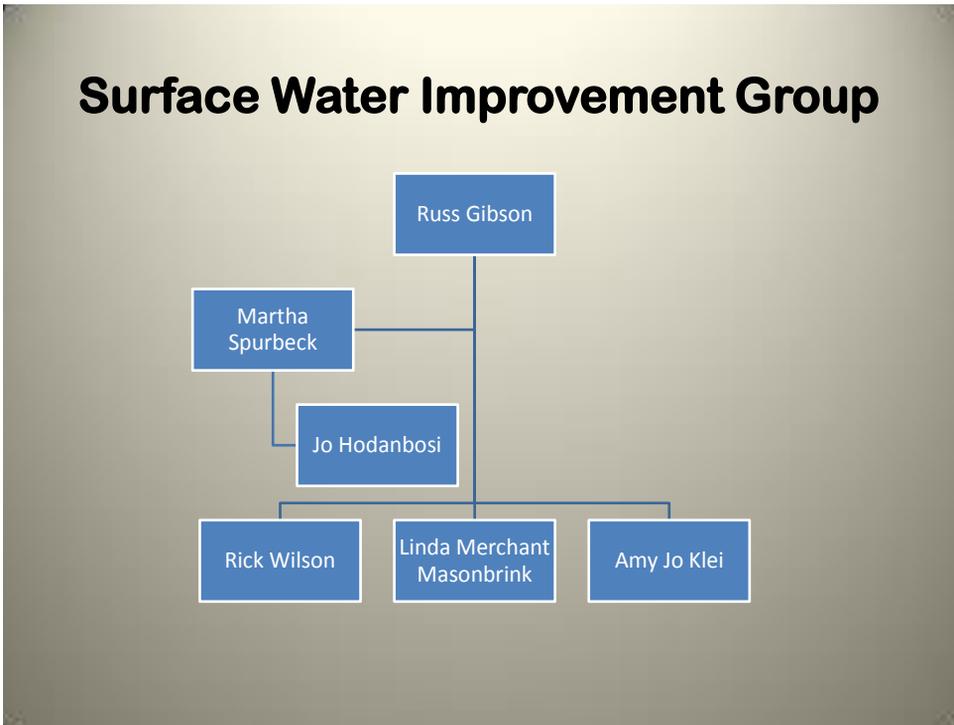




Ohio's Surface Water Improvement Programs Helping People do Good Things

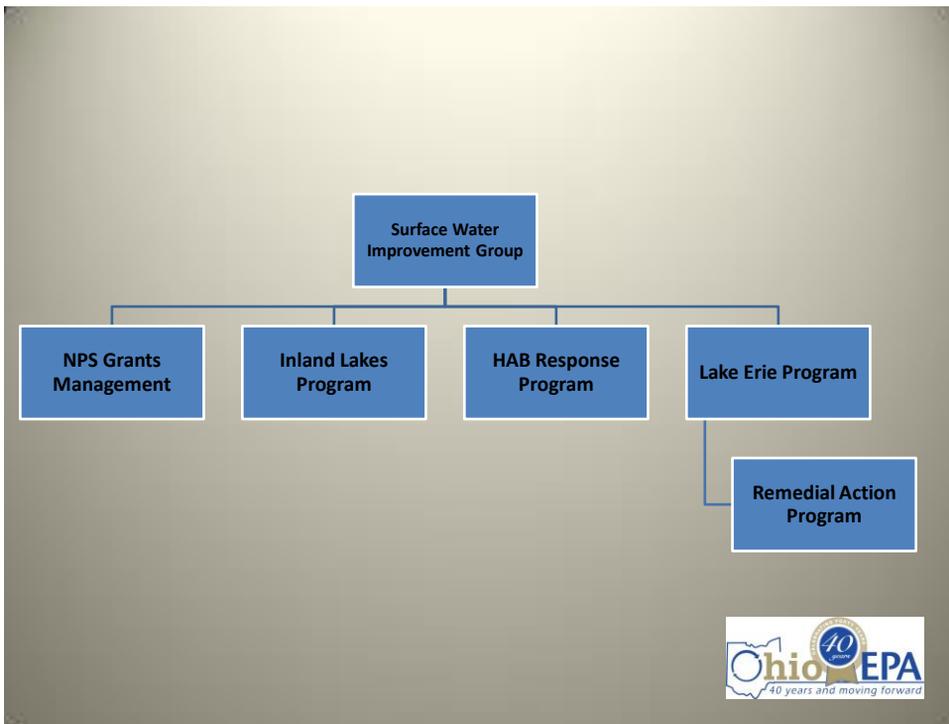
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What do we do? A lot of Grants Stuff



- 61 open §319(h) subgrants
- 12 supplemental §319(h) subgrants
- 6 GLRI grants >\$4 million
- Awarded 54 GLRI subgrants since 2011
- 35 statewide SWIF grants since FY10
- Conducted 50 site visits with grantees in 2013
- Processed 160 payments and 130 progress reports



What drives what we do?

Ohio's Water Quality Goal

To successfully achieve designated aquatic life use in 100% of Ohio's large river units by 2020.



Fish – IBI



Bugs – ICI



Habitat – QHEI

Ohio's NPS hierarchy of priorities



**restore impaired waters
protect high quality waters
reduce NPS pollutants**

Our core values are good science and meaningful partnerships to solve problems!



**TMDLs & Good Watershed Plans
Implementing Recommended Actions**

Who do we like working with?

People

**Local Governments
Park Districts
Conservation Groups
High Performing SWCD's
Effective Watershed Groups**

**Who are
good at
getting
things done**

YOU

With great people what else could you possibly need?



The clothesline in Martha's Pod

Grant Resources that can help fund local projects

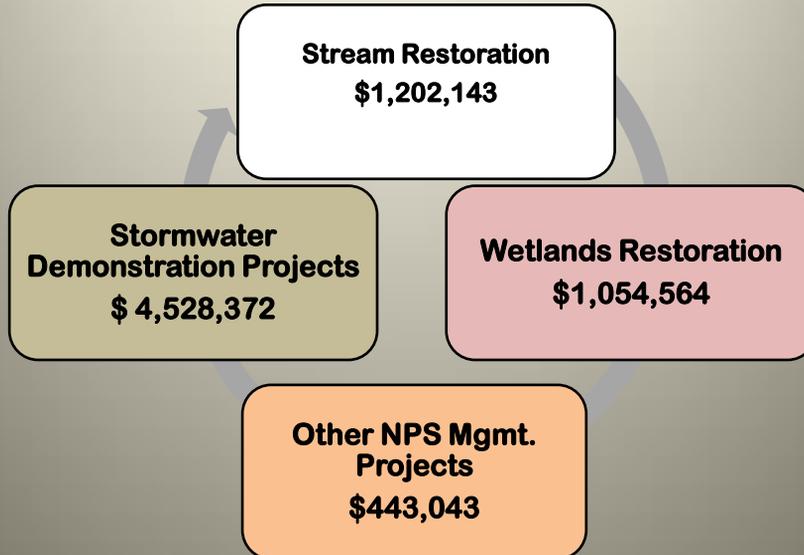
Surface Water Improvement Fund (SWIF)

- Up to \$150,000 each
- Applications are due 4/11/14 (RFP is out)
- No Local Match
- Green Stormwater BMP's & Restoration focus

FY15 Section 319 Grants

- Up to \$400,000 each
- 40% Local Share
- Applications will be due 5/30/14 (RFP not out yet)
- Stream and Wetland Restoration focus

What do we funded with SWIF Grants



SWIF Grants

over the years

More than 70 SWIF projects have been funded

Projects completed in 39 watersheds

More than 60 different local grantees

OEPA leveraged \$2,750,000 in federal GLRI \$\$

Eligible Activities

Stream Restoration & Dam Removal



Stream restoration activities limited to using Natural Channel Design (NCD) and “green” materials

Eligible Activities

Wetland Restoration



Eligible Activities

Streambank and Riparian Restoration



Eligible Activities

GREEN Stormwater Demonstration Projects

Projects need to demonstrate innovative BMPs that are not required under any permits.



Green Stormwater Education & Outreach

Ruffing Montessori School



Partnering with a Purpose



Liberty Township Stormwater Demonstration Park



Eligible Activities Inland Lake Management Projects

- Aeration**
- Phase I Diagnostic**
- Circulators**
- Sediment Forebays**
- GREEN Stabilization**
- Other BMPs**



SWIF funding may NOT be used for projects on private lakes and/or lakes that do not permit public recreational access.

Eligible Activities

Agricultural Projects



Cover Crops
Planted under provisions of
#02(h)EPA-11



Exclusion Fencing
Completed under provisions of
#02(h)EPA-11

Agricultural projects must be HIGHLY targeted to a single 12 digit HUC in order to qualify for section 319 project grant funding.

Not eligible under SWIF

Surface Water Improvement Grants

\$150,000 maximum but less \$ scores +

Any watershed but TMDL or WBP scores +

2-Year Terms – Construction ready scores +

Stormwater Emphasis

No Match Required but local \$ scores +

State Source of \$\$

Mitigation or Permit Required Projects Ineligible

Grants awarded prior to 7/1/14

SWIF Project Considerations

Activities required as mitigation are NOT eligible

Projects should be on public property

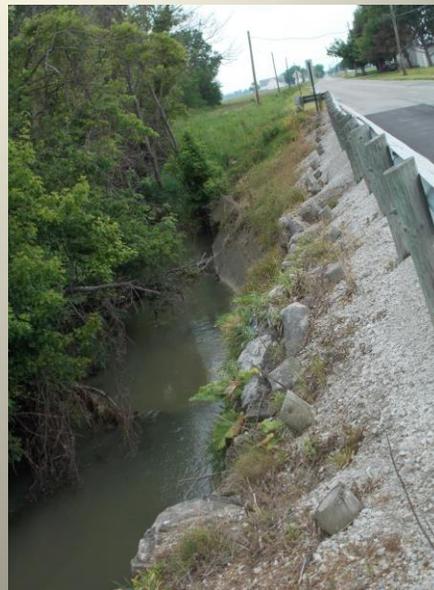
The bulk of the \$\$ should be spent on the ground



SWIF Project Considerations

SWIF grants are water quality improvement grants.

If your project is motivated by protecting a road this is not the right grant for you.



Characteristics of Successful SWIF Projects

Project directly addresses problem.

Sponsor is ready to proceed.

Project is cost-effective.

Local commitment is genuine.

Implementing party is most appropriate.

SWIF Application Pointers

Ask for only what you need – inflated budgets cost points

Double check your math – many applicants lose points

Complete the contracting worksheets properly

Be concise but thorough



SWIF Application Pointers



A picture tells a better story than words!

SWIF Application Pointers

**Simply
tell us
what
you
want to
do!**

Part Two: Detailed Project Work Plan

The project description should be highly detailed, however please try to limit it to no more than four pages in length.

**“who, what, where,
why, when and how
much?”**

**What problem are you solving or
why do you want to demonstrate
the practices you are proposing?**

Our budget form is easy But don't skip including a brief description

Part Four (A) Project Grant Budget

Detailed Project Budget: All applicants must complete a detailed project grant budget using the form below. Include a brief justification and itemized breakdown for the amount proposed in each budget category. Any budget category with an amount entered MUST include a justification/description. Please note: applicants requesting funds under the Subcontracts Category must also complete a SUBCONTRACT WORKSHEET.

Budget Category	Amount SWIF \$\$ Requested	Budget Justification and Description
Personnel (Applicants requesting personnel funds MUST complete and attach a Personnel Roster Worksheet)		
Fringe Benefits (Fringe costs may not exceed 30% of hourly salary costs)		
Travel (Travel costs may not exceed \$750. In-state travel ONLY is permitted)		
Equipment (only durable items - less than \$300)		
Supplies (total supply costs funded with SWIF grant funds may not exceed \$1,000)		
Subcontract (Any services provided by a third party. Applicants MUST complete and include a detailed subcontract worksheet)		
Other		
Cost Share (must be used whenever cost-share)		

SWIF Application Pointers

Be attentive to instructions

Surface Water Improvement Project Grants Sub-Contractual Guidance Sheet

Following is a table of project items that are frequently sub-contracted by grantees. This sheet provides guidance on the types of deliverables frequently produced under a sub-contract, the units of measure that should be used and how such services should be represented in your Surface Water Improvement Fund grant application budget and Sub-Contractual Worksheet. Please consult this guidance sheet prior to and while completing your sub-contractual worksheets and your proposed SWIF grant budget form. Additional information about these and other forms of sub-contracted deliverables may be obtained by contacting Ohio EPA SWIF Grants staff at the Division of Surface Water at (614)644-2869.

Objective or Project Type	Deliverables	Deliverable Units	Costs should be Represented as
3rd Party Professional Services Examples include: Engineering, Fiscal Management, Legal and Consulting Services	Site Assessment & Permitting	Hours of Service	Cost/Hour
	Hydraulic Modeling & Professional Technical Services		
	Project Design & Engineering Services (such as designwork)		
	Grants Management & Fiscal Services		
	Construction Project Management Services		
Construction Related Services Examples include: Restoration, Dam Removal, and Related Activities	Conservation Easement Appraisals & Legal Services	Hours or Appraisals Completed	Hourly Rate or Unit Cost
	Stream Restoration, Stabilization and/or Rehabilitation	Linear Feet Restored	Cost/Linear Foot
	Dam Modification, Demolition, Excavation and/or Removal	Items Removed	Fixed Total Price
	Levee Removal and/or Modification	Levees Modified	Fixed Total Price
	Wetland Restoration	Acres Restored	Cost/Acre
	Repair or Wetland Plantings	Acres Planted	Cost/Acre
	Perennial Plantment Installation	Square Feet	Cost/Square Foot
	Install Rain Gardens	Square Feet	Cost/Square Foot
	Install Bio-Retention and/or Vegetated Bio-swales	Square Feet	Cost/Square Foot
	Rain Barrels	Rain Barrels	Cost/Unit
Green Roof Installation	Units Completed	Total Unit Cost	

Public Outreach and Education Requirements



NPS Programming Outlook

1. FY14 SWIF funding is about \$1.8 million for local projects and another \$2 million in 2015.
2. If FY14 applicant pool is great enough, we will fund FY15 grants with FY14 unfunded SWIF applicants.
3. Ohio EPA will have about \$2.0 million in Section 319(h) grant funding for local projects in 2015.

Application Materials & Information

www.epa.ohio.gov/dsw/nps/swif.aspx

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