



# Stormwater Funding Through the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund

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Many types of stormwater-related activities are eligible for funding through Ohio's Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF).

## Stormwater work required by a NPDES permit

To comply with Federal rules, municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) are required to implement programs and practices to control polluted storm water runoff. These projects often include traditional pipe, storage, and treatment systems, but can also include work such as green roofs, infiltration basins, curb cuts and landscaped swales, and wetland protection and restoration. When rights of way are used to address stormwater, such as through green technology, and the land is integral to the stormwater best management practice, the land is eligible for funding.

## Stormwater work not specifically required by a NPDES permit

Publicly or privately owned stormwater projects that go beyond minimum Federal regulatory requirements may be funded. For example, this includes projects generally associated with new or existing development, such as erosion, sedimentation, and discharge of pollutants into water resources from construction sites, roads, bridges, parking lots, and buildings. Additionally, it may also include green infrastructure projects – those that simulate the natural hydrology of an area by capturing stormwater where it falls, treating, and infiltrating it. Land may also be eligible for assistance in unregulated stormwater projects.

The following describes the full range of stormwater project eligibility.

Publicly Owned Project						Privately Owned Project					
Specifically Required by an NPDES Permit		Not Specifically Required by an NPDES Permit		Unregulated Project		Specifically Required by an NPDES Permit		Not Specifically Required by an NPDES Permit		Unregulated Project	
Phase I/Phase II Municipal Stormwater Area	Construction Permit > 1 acre *	Phase I/Phase II Municipal Stormwater Area	Construction Permit > 1 acre *	Unregulated Community	Construction < 1 acre **	Phase I/Phase II Municipal Stormwater Area	Construction Permit > 1 acre *	Phase I/Phase II Municipal Stormwater Area	Construction Permit > 1 acre *	Unregulated Community	Construction < 1 acre **
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

\* or construction sites in a common plan of development

\*\* and the construction site is not in a common plan of development

## Eligible costs do not include normal operation and maintenance

WPCLF funding is available for the capital costs of activities listed above as long as those activities protect or improve water quality. WPCLF funding cannot be used for ongoing personnel, operation, and maintenance costs associated with stormwater control and treatment. For example, planting trees and shrubs, purchasing equipment, environmental cleanups and the development and initial delivery of education programs are capital projects and eligible for funding, but the salary of the person operating the purchased equipment is not eligible.

## Additional information

For more details on the WPCLF, current interest rates, loan terms and activities eligible for funding, contact the Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance at (614) 644-2798 or visit our Web page at [www.epa.state.oh.us/defa](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/defa).

