

North Branch Park River Watershed Management Plan - Potential Funding Sources

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DEP Watershed Funding Website					
http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2719&q=335494&depNav_GID=1654&pp=12&n=1 Index of many potential funding sources for funding watershed-based planning projects.					
EPA Green Infrastructure Funding Website					
http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/greeninfrastructure/fundingopportunities.cfm Index to funding opportunities for LID practices and pollution reduction projects.					
DEP CT Landowner Incentive Program	Up to \$25,000	At least 25%			
http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2723&q=325734&depNav_GID=1655					
DEP Long Island Sound License Plate Program	\$25,000			January	March
http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2705&q=323782&depNav_GID=1635					
DEP Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition				March	June
860-424-3016 david.stygar@ct.gov http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2706&q=323834&depNav_GID=1641					
DEP Recreation and Natural Heritage Trust Program					
http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2706&q=323840&depNav_GID=1641					
Eastman Kodak / Nat'l Geographic American Greenways Awards optional Program	\$2500	\$300	Optional	April	June
jwhite@conservationfund.org , Jen White					
EPA Healthy Communities Grant Program	\$35,000	\$5,000	Optional, up to 5%	March	May
617-918-1698 Padula.Jennifer@epa.gov					
Northeast Utilities Environmental Community Grant Program	\$1,000	\$250			April 15
http://www.nu.com/environmental/grant.asp Cash incentives for non-profit organizations					
EPA Targeted Watershed Grants Program			25% of total project costs (non-federal)		
http://www.epa.gov/twg/ Requires Governor nomination.					
DEP CWA Section 319 NPS			40% of total project costs (non-federal)		October 15
Nonpoint Source Management http://www.ct.gov/dep/nps 20-25 projects targeting both priority watersheds and statewide issues.					
DEP Section 6217 Coastal NPS			N/A		
http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2705&q=323554&depNav_GID=1709 Section 6217 of the CZARA of 1990 requires the State of Connecticut to implement specific management measures to control NPS pollution in coastal waters. Management measures are economically achievable measures that reflect the best available technology for reducing nonpoint source pollution. Hartford and Windsor, but not Bloomfield nor West Hartford, are located in this area.					

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DEP Hazard Mitigation Grant Program			75% Federal / 25% Local		
http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2720&q=325654&depNav_GID=1654 Provides financial assistance to state and local governments for projects that reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from the effects from natural hazards.					
NRCS Conservation Reserve Program					
http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/crp/ Joyce Purcell, 860-871-4028 This program is available to farmers and ranchers to address natural resource concerns on their lands.					
American Rivers - NOAA Community-Based Restoration Program Partnership					
http://www.americanrivers.org/our-work/restoring-rivers/dams/noaa-grants-program.html These grants are designed to provide support for local communities that are utilizing dam removal or fish passage to restore and protect the ecological integrity of their rivers and improve freshwater habitats important to migratory fish.					
FishAmerica Foundation Conservation Grants	Average \$7,500				
703-519-9691 x247 fishamerica@asafishing.org					
Municipal Flood & Erosion Control Board	1/3 project cost	2/3 project cost			
NFWF Long Island Sound Futures Fund Small Grants	\$6,000	\$1,000	Optional (non-federal)	Fall/Winter	Spring/Summer
NFWF Long Island Sound Futures Fund Large Grants	\$150,000	\$10,000	Optional (non-federal)	Fall/Winter	Spring/Summer
631-289-0150 Lynn Dwyer Lynn.Dwyer@nfwf.org					
NRCS Conservation Reserve Program					
http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/crp/ Joyce Purcell, 860-871-4028 This program is available to farmers and ranchers to address natural resource concerns on their lands.					
NRCS Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)	\$50,000/year	\$1,000	25%		
Joyce Purcell, 860-871-4028 http://www.ct.nrcs.usda.gov For creation, enhancement, maintenance of wildlife habitat; for privately owned lands.					
NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)	\$50,000/year		25-50%		
Joyce Purcell, 860-871-4028 http://www.ct.nrcs.usda.gov For implementation of conservation measures on agricultural lands.					
NRCS Healthy Forests Reserve Program					
http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/hfrp/proginfo/index.html For restoring and enhancing forest ecosystems					
NRCS Wetlands Reserve Program					
Nels Barrett, (860) 871-4015 http://www.ct.nrcs.usda.gov For protection, restoration and enhancement of wetlands					
USFS Watershed and Clean Water Action and Forestry Innovation Grants					
http://www.na.fs.fed.us/watershed/gp_innovation.shtm This effort between USDA FS-Northeastern Area and State Foresters is to implement a challenge grant program to promote watershed health through support of state and local restoration and protection efforts.					
Corporate Wetlands Restoration Partnership (CWRP)	Typically \$20,000	Typically \$5,000	3 to 1	April and August	

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http://www.ctcwrp.org/9/ Can also apply for in-kind services, e.g. surveying, etc.					
River's Alliance Watershed Assistance Small Grants Program			40% of total project costs (non-federal)		
http://www.riversalliance.org/watershedassistancegrantfrp.cfm 860-361-9349 rivers@riversalliance.org Funding passed through River's Alliance from CTDEP's 319 NPS grant program for establishing new or emerging river - watershed organizations.					
Trout Unlimited Embrace A Stream	\$5,000				
http://www.tu.org/conservation/watershed-restoration-home-rivers-initiative/embrace-a-stream					
USFWS National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program	\$1 million		50%		
Ken Burton 703-358-2229 Only states can apply.					
YSI Foundation	\$60,000		Optional	March	April
937-767-7241 x406 Susan Miller Susan Miller smiller@ysi.com					
Other Financial Opportunities					
Private Foundation Grants and Awards					
http://www.rivernetwork.org Private foundations are potential sources of funding to support watershed management activities. Many private foundations post grant guidelines on websites. Two online resources for researching sources of potential funding are provided in the contact information.					
Congressional Appropriation - Direct Federal Funding					
Congressman Larson, Courtney, DeLauro, Himes, Murphy					
State Appropriations - Direct State Funding					
http://www.cga.ct.gov/					
Membership Drives					
Membership drives can provide a stable source of income to support watershed management programs.					
Donations					
Donations can be a major source of revenue for supporting watershed activities, and can be received in a variety of ways.					
User Fees, Taxes, and Assessments					
Taxes are used to fund activities that do not provide a specific benefit, but provide a more general benefit to the community.					
Rates and Charges					
State law authorizes some public utilities to collect rates and charges for the services they provide.					
Stormwater Utility Districts					
A stormwater utility district is a legal construction that allows municipalities to designated management districts where storm sewers are maintained in order to the quality of local waters. Once the district is established, the municipality may assess a fee to all property owners.					
Impact Fees					
Impact fees are also known as capital contribution, facilities fees, or system development charges, among other names.					
Special Assessments					
Special assessments are created for the specific purpose of financing capital improvements, such as provisions, to serve a specific area.					
Sales Tax/Local Option Sales Tax					
Local governments, both cities and counties, have the authority to add additional taxes. Local governments can use tax revenues to provide funding for a variety of projects and activities.					
Property Tax					
These taxes generally support a significant portion of a county's or municipality's non-public enterprise activities.					

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Excise Taxes					
These taxes require special legislation, and the funds generated through the tax are limited to specific uses: lodging, food, etc.					
Bonds and Loans					
Bonds and loans can be used to finance capital improvements. These programs are appropriate for local governments and utilities to support capital projects.					
Investment Income					
Some organizations have elected to establish their own foundations or endowment funds to provide long-term funding stability. Endowment funds can be established and managed by a single organization-specific foundation or an organization may elect to have a community foundation to hold and administer its endowment. With an endowment fund, the principal or actual cash raised is invested. The organization may elect to tap into the principal under certain established circumstances.					
Emerging Opportunities For Program Support					
Water Quality Trading allows regulated entities to purchase credits for pollutant reductions in the watershed or a specified part of the watershed to meet or exceed regulatory or voluntary goals. There are a number of variations for water quality credit trading frameworks. Credits can be traded, or bought and sold, between point sources only, between NPSs only, or between point sources and NPSs.					
Mitigation and Conservation Banks are created by property owners who restore and/or preserve their land in its natural condition. Such banks have been developed by public, nonprofit, and private entities. In exchange for preserving the land, the "bankers" get permission from appropriate state and federal agencies to sell mitigation banking credits to developers wanting to mitigate the impacts of proposed development. By purchasing the mitigation bank credits, the developer avoids having to mitigate the impacts of their development on site. Public and nonprofit mitigation banks may use the funds generated from the sale of the credits to fund the purchase of additional land for preservation and/or for the restoration of the lands to a natural state.					