

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation



Alaska Clean Water Actions Request for Proposals

State Fiscal Years 2027-2029
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Acronyms

ACWA	Alaska Clean Water Actions
AIS	American Iron & Steel
AWQMS	Ambient Water Quality Monitoring System
BABA	Build America, Buy America
BEACH	Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health
BMP	Best Management Practice
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CWA	Clean Water Act
DBE	Disadvantaged Business Enterprise
DBW	Davis-Bacon Wages
DEC	Department of Environmental Conservation
DF&G	Department of Fish and Game
DNR	Department of Natural Resources
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FFY	Federal Fiscal Year
FSR	Financial Status Report
GSI	Green Stormwater Infrastructure
LID	Low Impact Development
MBE/WBE	Minority/Women's Business Enterprise
MST	Microbial Source Tracking
NPS	Nonpoint Source
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
ORV	Off-road Vehicle
OSG	Overflow Sewer Grant (municipal stormwater)
QAPP	Quality Assurance Project Plan
RFP	Request for Proposals
SFY	State Fiscal Year
TMDL	Total Maximum Daily Load
WQS	Water Quality Standards at 18 AAC 70

Introduction

This Request for Proposals (RFP) contains the requested Actions for the 2027-2029 Alaska Clean Water Actions (ACWA) grant cycle. All ACWA projects must be designed to protect or improve Alaska's water quality from the harmful effects of nonpoint source pollution.

The RFP highlights actions in priority watersheds located throughout the state based on the type of project ("action category"). The RFP document contains descriptions for each Action Category in the following pages. Action Categories note if proposals for other watersheds/waters will be accepted. All proposals must align with one of the Action Categories.

RFP Action Categories

Proposals are requested for projects in the following Action Categories which are described in the following pages. Priority watersheds are listed on each Action Category page, and proposals may receive bonus points if the project addresses the requested priority work. Contact the staff listed on page 6 or next to the action descriptions to get specific details of the work requested.

Projects that fall under permit compliance or political advocacy are not eligible.

Action Category	
1.	Best Management Practices to Improve or Protect Water Quality
2.	Watershed Planning
3.	Public Outreach and Education
4.	Monitoring for Nonpoint Source Pollution or BMP Effectiveness

Project Timing

This Request for Proposals covers a two-year calendar period (24 months) which spans three state fiscal years (SFY). Projects may start no earlier than March 1, 2027, and must be completed by February 28, 2029. Projects may end earlier but cannot go beyond that date.

State Fiscal Year (SFY)	Calendar Dates	Number of Months
SFY 27	March 1, 2027 – June 30, 2027	4
SFY 28	July 1, 2027 – June 30, 2028	12
SFY 29	July 1, 2028 – February 28, 2029	8

Funds Available & Eligibility

ACWA grants are managed by DEC and include several funding sources combined into one application process. Your proposed project topic and type of organization will help DEC determine which funding source is most appropriate. All funding amounts are estimates and are contingent on appropriation and availability of funds. Total project costs may not exceed available funds.

Appendix D includes additional information on funds available and eligibility requirements, summarized here.

Funding Name ¹	Amount Available per SFY ²			Eligibility
	SFY27	SFY28	SFY29	
Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grant (OSG)	\$22,000	\$195,840	\$100,000	Only available to municipal and Tribal governments or entities with populations of less than 10,000 people based on the 2020 U.S. Census
Nonpoint Source Clean Water Act Section 319 (NPS 319)	\$84,130	\$300,000	\$200,000	State agencies, local and Tribal governments, non-governmental and Tribal organizations, for-profits, universities, conservation districts

Matching Funds

This ACWA grant cycle requires zero matching dollars from applicants.

Proposal Funding Limits

There are no set minimums or maximums, but funds are all subject to availability each state fiscal year. Project costs vary based on the action category and scope of the proposed work; however typical project costs range from \$20,000 to \$100,000, but larger projects will be considered. If you are submitting a higher dollar request, we recommend you articulate a phased approach or alternative options for the scoring committee to consider so that your project may still proceed if a lower funding amount is all that can be provided.

How to Apply

The application is a Microsoft Word document available for download from the [ACWA RFP webpage](#). If you are applying for more than one project, please submit separate applications. The webpage also has workplan templates and additional information on the grant requirements.

Webinar

DEC will host an informational webinar on September 10, 2026, from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM.

Instructions for joining the webinar are on the ACWA RFP webpage.

¹ The BEACH program for marine pathogen monitoring is anticipated to have a separate RFP process in fall 2027 for projects to start spring 2028 due to reduced federal funding. Watch beaches.alaska.gov for more information.

² All funding amounts are estimated and are contingent on federal appropriation of funds and may be adjusted by DEC if necessary.

Deadline and Submittal

Completed applications and workplans must be submitted to dec.acwa.grants@alaska.gov by **11:59 PM on Friday October 16, 2026**. Late applications will not be reviewed.

Application Appendices

Additional information on eligibility, grant conditions, and other important grant information may be found in the following appendices available on the ACWA RFP webpage. Because grant funds are from federal sources, DEC is required to pass along federal requirements on the funds.

Appendix A. Federal Laws and Authorities

Appendix B. General Conditions

Appendix C. Funding Specific Requirements

Appendix D. Estimated Funding Sources & Constraints

Appendix E. Proposal Evaluation Criteria

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1. Best Management Practices to Improve or Protect Water Quality

Workplan Template to use: Best Management Practices

Total projects costs typically range from \$40,000 to \$240,000 (OSG funding) depending on the scope of the project and funding source.

Action Description

This action is focused on Best Management Practices (BMPs) that protect or improve water quality. This may include tasks for planning, design, installation, and maintenance of BMPs including stormwater green infrastructure.

Two of the ACWA grant funding sources include BMP work:

1. The OSG funding is only available to municipal and tribal governments/entities³ with populations of less than 10,000 people based on the 2020 U.S. Census. Proposals under this funding source cannot include outreach/education tasks, interpretive signage, or monitoring. Projects for planning or design are allowable and expected to lead to capital projects at some future time.
2. The 319 NPS funding is available to local governments, non-governmental organizations, universities, and tribal organizations regardless of population. Proposals under this funding source may include tasks on outreach/education related to the project, design and install project interpretive signage, and include minimal BMP effectiveness monitoring for pre/post installation. Projects may not include activities specifically required under an MS4 permit.

Proposals for this action may include one or more of the following:

A. Planning: Identify areas within the community that would receive the highest benefit from low impact development (LID) techniques such as green stormwater infrastructure (GSI) projects. This includes those areas where stormwater runoff may pose a risk to local waterways.

B. On-the-ground projects:

1. *Design:* Complete a design of a green stormwater infrastructure (or other best management practice) project. Design should include a calculation of the environmental benefit (e.g., amount of reduced stormwater run-off) and estimated cost to construct.
2. *Installation:* Construct one or both of the following:
 - a. Demonstration project that includes an educational component. The project will allow for a permanent opportunity for local citizens, including elected officials, to see first-hand the value of implementing green stormwater infrastructure.

³ "The term "municipality" means a city, town, borough, county, parish, district, association, or other public body created by or pursuant to State law and having jurisdiction over disposal of sewage, industrial wastes, or other wastes, or an Indian tribe or an authorized Indian tribal organization..." U.S. Code Title 33 Section § 1362 (4).

- b. Large-scale LID/green stormwater infrastructure project. Applications should include an estimate of the amount of stormwater retained and sediment reduced on-site and a commitment from the landowner to maintain the project.
3. *Maintain*: All constructed projects must have a maintenance agreement as a deliverable.

C. Other BMPs: There are many types of BMPs that can help reduce nonpoint source pollution and protect or improve water quality in area waterways. Your proposal must describe how the BMP addresses nonpoint source pollution, which type of pollutant(s) it will address, and which waterbody(ies) the project will benefit.

Priority Watersheds

Waterbody Name (Location)	Action Description ⁴	Contact
Statewide (Any)	Proposals will be accepted for any Alaska waterbody in this Action Category. However, only the identified priority waters may receive bonus points.	DEC regional contacts (see page 6)
Any Municipality of Anchorage Impaired Watershed (Anchorage and surrounding communities)	Work with Municipality of Anchorage, landowners, and other partners to design and install a green stormwater infrastructure project or other needed BMP. NPS 319 funded projects cannot include activities required under the MS4 stormwater discharge permit requirements. Project must clearly demonstrate how it improves or protects water quality.	Jeff Fisher 376-1865
Chena River (Fairbanks)	This project will implement one or more of the actions identified in the 2024 Identification and Prioritization of Green Infrastructure Needs at Road Crossings of the Chena River and Tributaries report. NPS 319 funded proposals cannot include activities required under the MS4 stormwater discharge permit.	Line Persson 451-2284
Chignik area watersheds (Chignik Bay)	Implement actions identified in the 2024 Chignik area watershed plan and 2026 Stormwater Management Plan designed to protect or improve water quality from nonpoint source water pollution.	Mary Inovejas 269-7518
Cottonwood Creek (Wasilla)	Work with the City of Wasilla or Matanuska-Susitna Borough (depending on location and jurisdiction) and other partners to design, install, and maintain one or more green stormwater infrastructure BMPs to reduce polluted stormwater runoff from entering Cottonwood Creek as described in the Cottonwood Creek	Jeff Fisher 376-1865

⁴ Previously developed watershed plans and/or water quality monitoring reports are located at <https://dec.alaska.gov/water/water-quality/nonpoint-source-control/water-quality-resources/reports>

	Stormwater Analysis report. Other appropriate BMP work is also eligible.	
Jordan Creek (Juneau)	Implement Jordan Creek Watershed Management Plan priority action of GSI design for source area treatment on Mallard Street in conjuncture with DOT road reconstruction project (Stormwater System 9 (9.2). Enhance existing GSI features and conduct maintenance at Trout Street, South Alpine Avenue, and Crest Street.	Muriel Dittrich 465-5023
Kenai River (Kenai)	The proposed project may include one or more of the following: prioritization of sites for future green infrastructure implementation and/or implementation of a green infrastructure project design and installation. Depending on the funding source, outreach about stormwater and green infrastructure techniques may be allowable. BMP proposals may also include activities designed to reduce fish waste on area shorelines and beaches (see also Outreach & Education Action Category).	Mary Inovejas 269-7518
Ketchikan area watersheds (Ketchikan)	Work with City of Ketchikan, Ketchikan Gateway Borough, Ketchikan Indian Community, and other partners to develop and adopt new ordinance for a stream-side setback that would apply to future (re)development with educational outreach. Supporting documents include Ketchikan Area Bacteria Management Plan.	Muriel Dittrich 465-5023
Ketchikan area urban riparian zones (Ketchikan)	Work with City of Ketchikan, Ketchikan Gateway Borough, Ketchikan Indian Community, or other partners to implement BMPs and stormwater controls recommended in the 2024 Ketchikan Urban Riparian Assessment.	Muriel Dittrich 465-5023
Lake Lucile (Wasilla)	Work with the City of Wasilla Public Works and other partners as needed, to design and install one or more of the identified stormwater BMPs as described in the City of Wasilla's Lake Lucile Lake Management Plan.	Jeff Fisher 376-1865
North Pole area watersheds (North Pole)	Implement green stormwater infrastructure actions identified in the City of North Pole's 2023 Technical Report. NPS 319 funded projects cannot include activities required under the MS4 permit.	Line Persson 451-2284
Pullen Creek (Skagway)	Use 2024 Skagway Area Watershed Plan and the 2024 Pullen Creek Field Report of screening level water monitoring data to address water quality issues in Pullen Creek and Skagway area, through BMPs.	Muriel Dittrich 465-5023

Seldovia Watersheds (Seldovia)	Implement one or more actions identified in the 2025 City of Seldovia Stormwater Management Plan (posted to DEC's webpage) to address stormwater runoff and protect area waterways.	Mary Inovejas 269-7518
Vanderbilt Creek (Juneau)	Enhance Vanderbilt Hill Road check dam trench (north of Vanderbilt Creek) with green infrastructure stormwater capture and cleanup features. Implement culvert improvements on upstream Lemon Creek Trail culverts that transmit sediment to Vanderbilt Creek. Culvert design and prioritization was completed in 2026 (available from DEC). BMP projects must include appropriate partners and permits as needed.	Muriel Dittrich 465-5023
Wasilla Creek (Wasilla)	Work with the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and other partners to design, install, and maintain one or more green infrastructure BMPs to reduce polluted stormwater runoff from entering Wasilla Creek as described in Wasilla Creek Stormwater Analysis report. Other appropriate BMP work is also eligible.	Jeff Fisher 376-1865

2. Watershed Planning

Workplan Template to use: Watershed Planning

Total projects costs typically range from \$30,000 to \$80,000 depending on the scope of the project.

Action Description

Watershed planning uses a holistic community planning process to determine steps to take for water quality protection or improvement and can take many forms. See [DEC's Watershed Planning Guidance](#) for more information on the different types of plans and their minimum requirements.

All watershed plans will include:

- Involvement of community partners and stakeholders;
- A description of the watershed, current water quality, and water quality concerns;
- Activities and options for reducing water pollution;
- An implementation timeline;
- Description of partners for implementation;
- Estimated costs for implementing identified activities and potential funding sources; and
- Description on how the watershed plan's implementation progress will be evaluated and adapted over time.

Watershed planning proposals must include a final watershed plan and sharing out the final watershed plan as project deliverables.

If the watershed includes a surface water used by a public water system (PWS), the surface water source should be described and actions that protect the source water should be included. To review PWS source locations, please visit the [Interactive Public Map](#). For more information on drinking water protection plans, please visit DEC's [Drinking Water Endorsed Plans](#).

Priority Watersheds

Waterbody Name	Action Description	Contact
Statewide (Any)	Proposals will be accepted for any Alaska waterbody in this Action Category. However, only the identified priority waters may receive bonus points.	DEC regional contacts (see page 6)

Eyak Lake (Cordova)	Eyak Lake is adjacent to the Copper River Delta and partially within the City of Cordova. The lake has several studies completed over the years including water quality. Developing a watershed plan will help clarify potential water quality issues and prevent future pollution. The plan must meet the minimum elements outlined in DEC's Watershed Planning Guidance.	Jeff Fisher 376-1865
Hoonah area watersheds (Hoonah)	Previous water quality sampling in Hoonah demonstrated a need to develop a Watershed Management Plan for the Hoonah area; supporting documents include 2022/23 Hoonah Beach field reports. The plan must meet the minimum elements outlined in DEC's Watershed Planning Guidance.	Muriel Dittrich 465-5023
Lemon & Switzer Creeks (Juneau)	Create a GIS stormwater map using 2014 Juneau Stormwater Hydrography report for the Lemon, Vanderbilt, and Switzer Creek watersheds, and update stormwater management options. Supporting documents include 2007 Lemon Creek Watershed Recovery and Management Plan.	Muriel Dittrich 465-5023
Nome watersheds including Anvil, Dry, and Glacier Creeks, and Nome and Snake Rivers	Develop a watershed protection plan for Nome area waters. This effort could build off work that was completed in 2025 or start fresh. Developing a watershed plan will help clarify potential water quality issues and prevent future pollution. The plan must meet the minimum elements outlined in DEC's Watershed Planning Guidance.	Line Persson 451-2284
Salcha River (Fairbanks area)	The Salcha River watershed is a popular area near Fairbanks with cabins, mining, multiple recreation opportunities, and an important salmon fishery. Past watershed planning efforts were initiated but not completed. This project will complete a watershed protection plan and involve multiple stakeholders. The plan must meet the minimum elements outlined in DEC's Watershed Planning Guidance.	Line Persson 451-2284
Soldotna Creek (Soldotna)	Soldotna Creek is lowland tributary of the Kenai River that historically supported a large native fish population before invasive Northern Pike were discovered and eradicated. Today Soldotna Creek faces increased anthropogenic pressures from development within the City of Soldotna and surrounding areas. The grantee will work with partner organizations to develop a Soldotna Creek watershed protection plan to address current and future water quality pressures. The plan must meet the minimum elements outlined in DEC's Watershed Planning Guidance.	Mary Inovejas 269-7518
Wasilla Creek (Wasilla)	The Wasilla Creek watershed is one of the rapidly developing areas of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.	Jeff Fisher 376-1865

	Headwaters are within the Moose Range and are experiencing degraded water quality from ORV trail crossings. Downstream urban and suburban development is threatening water quality with polluted runoff. Developing a watershed plan for Wasilla Creek now may help protect it from further pollution and habitat degradation. The plan must meet the minimum elements outlined in DEC's Watershed Planning Guidance.	
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3. Public education and outreach

Workplan Template to use: Outreach and Education

Total projects costs typically range from \$40,000 to \$90,000 depending on the scope of the project.

Action Description

Public education and outreach on ways to protect or improve water quality from nonpoint source pollution is a vital aspect of the ACWA grant program. Proposals in this Action Category are fully focused on public outreach and education on a variety of topics.

The proposed campaign must promote using practices to reduce nonpoint source water pollution, use several outreach mechanisms, and be designed to reach as many users as possible in the target audience. Outreach proposals should include some type of evaluation to measure success.

Priority Watersheds

Waterbody Name	Action Description	Contact
Statewide (Any)	Proposals will be accepted for outreach projects located in any watershed or near shore marine area in the state. However, outreach that addresses a priority topic may receive bonus points.	DEC regional contacts (see page 6)
Alaska Clean Harbors (coastal communities)	Proposals will build off of previous Alaska Clean Harbors (ACH) work to provide harbor certification or recertification to Dutch Harbor, Unalaska, Kodiak, and others as identified through ACH; coordinate ACH outreach to various audiences; update the ACH website as needed; develop outreach messages and materials for engaging city or borough managers to support harbor pollution prevention activities; coordinate ACH quarterly harbor master meetings; present at Alaska Harbor Masters annual conference. Proposals will also include outreach to promote the use of pump-outs to reduce sewage pollution in harbors by engaging recreational and commercial boaters, harbor staff, and harbor masters.	Mary Inovejas 269-7518
Kenai & Kasilof Rivers Fish Waste Disposal (Soldotna)	Work with community partners to implement outreach activities designed to reduce gull attractants such as fish waste and trash and improve water quality in the Kenai River. Water quality data, available on DEC's website, shows increased bacteria in the lower Kenai River likely due to gulls. Improving fish waste practices may reduce the gull bacteria load in the river. The outreach campaign should have some type of evaluation to measure success at getting the word out and changing behavior.	Mary Inovejas 269-7518

Dog Waste Pickup & Disposal (statewide/any community)	Alaskans love hiking with their dogs but aren't always good about picking up the feces piles (or bags filled with feces) left behind. This outreach campaign gets the word out about picking up after your dog and properly disposing of the waste materials so that local waterways do not become polluted with fecal material. The outreach campaign should have some type of evaluation to measure success at getting the word out and changing behavior. Outreach can be combined with pet waste station installation and signage. If pet waste stations are installed, the project must include proper waste disposal and long-term pet waste station maintenance plan.	Mary Inovejas 269-7518
Healthy Riparian Areas & Links to Improved Water Quality (any community)	The proposed project will develop an outreach campaign to support keeping intact riparian areas to protect and improve water quality and fish habitat. Riparian areas capture and filter runoff pollution before it causes water pollution in area waterways. They also provide shade for moderating water temperatures and provide cover and food sources for aquatic life. The proposal will include target audience information and outreach designed to reach that audience. The outreach campaign should have some type of evaluation to measure success at getting the word out and changing behavior.	Line Persson 451-2284

4. Monitoring for nonpoint source pollution and/or BMP effectiveness

Workplan Template to use: Water Monitoring

Total projects costs typically range from \$50,000 to \$90,000 depending on the scope of the project.

Action Description

Monitoring projects are waterbody specific and must be designed to meet DEC's data objectives⁵. Applicants are encouraged to work with DEC on the sampling design, schedule, and parameters. DEC may be requesting monitoring to better understand if nonpoint source pollution is affecting water quality in a specific waterway or if implementation activities such as best management practices (BMPs) are being effective at reducing water pollution.

Proposals for this Action should include the following:

A. Planning: Develop a Sample Plan and Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for approval by DEC (contact for examples).

B. Monitoring and Sampling: Conduct ambient water quality monitoring and sampling to evaluate NPS pollution or BMP effectiveness. The following parameters may be required as part of a project but see the Action Description column in table below for project specific requested parameters and contact the listed DEC staff person for additional information. This will assist you in developing a cost-effective project budget in your proposal.

Water Column (Basic Field) using grab samples or meters	Water Column (Laboratory) and DEC requested analysis method		Sediment (Laboratory)
• Turbidity (EPA 180.1/SM2284B) • Specific conductance (SM 2510) • Temperature (EPA 170.1) • Dissolved oxygen (1003-8-	Basic Chemistry • Dissolved organic carbon (SM 5310B) • Nutrients (ammonia USEPA 350.1, total nitrate-nitrite USEPA 353.2, dissolved phosphorus APHA	Bacteria • Fecal coliform (SM 9222-D by membrane filtration) freshwater and marine water • <i>E. coli</i> (SM 9223B) freshwater	• Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH) (EPA 8270-SIM)

⁵ See the [Water Quality Standards](#) at 18 AAC 70 and minimum data requirements on the [Integrated Report](#) webpage.

2009/ASTM D888-18/SM4500-O) • pH (SM 4500-H+)	4500PE, total phosphorus APHA 4500PF) • Minerals (alkalinity (as CaCO ₃) APHA 2320B, chloride USEPA 300, sulfate USEPA 300, and hardness (CaCO ₃), and calcium, magnesium, sodium USEPA 200.7) • Conventional (settleable solids EPA 160.5, total solids APHA 2540-B, sulfide APHA 4500-S2(D)) • Dissolved metals (EPA 200.8/6020D) • Total metals (EPA 200.7/6010D)	• Enterococci (ASTM D6503-99) marine water • Microbial Source Tracking (qPCR) Petroleum Products • Total Aromatic Hydrocarbons (TAH)(EPA Method 624) • Total Aqueous Hydrocarbons (TAqH) (EPA Method 625) • Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH) (EPA Method 625)	
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C. Reporting: The grantee will analyze all samples, evaluate results, and prepare a draft and final report of findings and conclusions.

D. Data submission: The grantee is responsible for ensuring data collected is provided in a format that can be easily transferred to DEC's water quality database (AWQMS). DEC will provide the grantee with the needed data template for AWQMS and guidance on how to use the template. The grantee should budget time to complete data QA, data entry, and address data questions as DEC imports the completed data template to AWQMS.

Priority Watersheds

Waterbody Name	Action Description	Contact
Statewide (NONE)	Proposals for nonpoint source monitoring <u>will not</u> be accepted for additional waterbodies or regions in this Action Category. Only proposals for BMP effectiveness monitoring may occur on watersheds not identified below.	Contact Laura Eldred if questions
Gartina Creek (Hoonah)	2022 BEACH program pathogen sampling at the near shore beach outlet of Gartina Creek demonstrated periodic elevated pathogen results and possible human-caused water pollution. This project will collect additional information to determine magnitude, frequency, and duration of pathogens in Gartina Creek. Bacteria sample frequency will meet DEC's requirements of a minimum of 6	Muriel Ditttrich 465-5023

	samples per 30-day period plus replicate samples and additional samples for QA/QC purposes. Monitoring will also include Basic Field parameters. Sample schedule should include spring break up, summer baseflow, storm flows, and fall time periods. All sampling must follow a DEC approved QAPP and standard operating procedures. Grantee will enter and submit data to DEC in approved format and complete a project report on the study results. Work with DEC project manager in developing the project proposal to ensure it meets DEC's minimum data requirements.	
Kasilof River (Kenai)	DEC studied pathogens water quality in the lower Kasilof River in 2014. Since that time, activities have increased in the watershed. To help inform future monitoring efforts, DEC is currently conducting the Kasilof River screening sample project for pathogens, metals, hydrocarbons, and DOC along with in-situ measurements. Contact DEC for available preliminary results. This project will conduct water quality sampling at four sampling locations on Kasilof River focused on bacteria and basic field parameters, along with microbial source tracking (MST) samples collected once per season. Sample locations will include locations sampled by DEC during the 2026 screening sample project (contact DEC for GPS coordinates). Bacteria sample frequency will meet DEC's requirements of a minimum of 6 samples per 30-day period plus replicate samples and additional samples for QA/QC purposes. Sample schedule should include spring break-up, summer baseflow, and fall time periods. Bacteria samples will be transported to the nearest lab certified by DEC to perform microbiological analyses. All sampling must follow a DEC approved QAPP and standard operating procedures and protocols for sample collection. Grantee will enter and submit data to DEC in approved format and complete a project report on the study results. Work with DEC project manager in developing the project proposal to ensure it meets DEC's minimum data requirements.	Mary Inovejas 269-7518

Previously installed BMP effectiveness monitoring	Many BMPs have been installed through the ACWA grant program with minimal effectiveness monitoring completed to determine if the BMPs are working to improve receiving water quality. This action seeks proposals to examine the effectiveness of previously installed BMPs. Work with DEC project manager in developing the project proposal to ensure it meets DEC's data requirements.	Muriel Ditttrich 465-5023
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