**LCBP Executive Committee Update**

**January 20, 2022**

* Governor Hochul recently announced funding awards for state agency programs that participated in Round XI of the Regional Economic Development Council initiative. They include:
	+ DEC’s **Water Quality Improvement Projects (WQIP)** - WQIP grants fund projects including municipal wastewater treatment, non-agricultural nonpoint source abatement, land acquisition for source water protection, salt storage construction, aquatic habitat restoration, and marine habitat restoration. Projects awarded within the Lake Champlain Basin (totaling ~$25.2M) were:
		1. City of Plattsburgh - $1,880,000 to improve the hydraulic capacity of the Commemoration Footbridge sewer to reduce the number of combined sewer overflows and increase the hydraulic capacity of the present conveyance system.
		2. Town of Peru - $1,366,290 to install preliminary treatment and grit removal at their wastewater treatment plant.
		3. Town of Peru - $1,000,000 to install effluent disinfection at the town's wastewater treatment plant.
		4. Town of Chazy - $1,000,000 to install an ultraviolet effluent disinfection system at the town's wastewater treatment plant.
		5. Village of Champlain - $864,000 install an ultraviolet effluent disinfection system at the village's wastewater treatment plant.
		6. Town of Willsboro - $2,546,941 to address failing septic systems by constructing a decentralized wastewater treatment system.
		7. Town of Westport - $1,910,637 repair and upgrade their sanitary sewer collection system for Sewer District #1 serving approximately 400 users.
		8. Town of Jay - $1,000,000 to install ultraviolet effluent disinfection at the Ausable Forks Wastewater Treatment Plant.
		9. Village of Saranac Lake - $719,250 to repair and upgrade the primary and secondary digesters at their wastewater treatment plant.
		10. Town of Keene - $500,000 to conduct a natural streambank restoration project on a section of the East Branch Ausable River in the Town of Jay.
		11. Town of Willsboro - $410,625 to install equipment and perform control module upgrades at their wastewater treatment plant.
		12. Town of Harrietstown - $466,670 to construct a salt storage shed to cover a currently open salt pile.
		13. Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District - $126,620 to continue implementing its road ditch program, which consists of hydroseeding, installation of rolled erosion products, stabilization, woody plant installation, and check dam/sediment basins.
		14. Town of Queensbury - $6,067,076 to replace inadequate onsite septic systems with a municipal wastewater system that will serve more than 50 homes on the Rockhurst peninsula on the southeast side of Lake George.
		15. Town of Bolton - $246,000 to construct two new woodchip bioreactors at the Town of Bolton Wastewater Treatment Plant for the treatment of nitrate.
		16. Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District - $93,200 to implement various control measures to reduce erosion/sedimentation in county waterways. The program includes the continuation of a successful county-wide roadside erosion and sediment control program and the reduction of sediment and debris runoff.
		17. Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District - $42,000 to conduct a shoreline stabilization project on a section of the Crandall Park Pond.
		18. Lake George Land Conservancy - $3,762,800 to acquire a 59.6-acre property that will preserve the source water quality of Lake George.
		19. Washington County - $527,000 to address five roadside erosion sites that contribute sediment to nearby waterbodies, including Freedom Marsh, the Champlain Canal, and Hudson River.
		20. Washington County - $508,000 to replace undersized/undermined culverts to reduce erosion into Lake George, Halfway Creek, Mettawee River, Batten Kill, Indian Creek, and Big Creek.
	+ DEC’s **Nonpoint Source Planning and MS4 Mapping Grant** - The program aims to get nonpoint source projects ready for construction and to apply for implementation funding; and encourages and supports cooperation among regulated MS4s to complete mapping of their stormwater system. Projects awarded within the Lake Champlain Basin (totaling $105,000) were:
		1. Town of Willsboro - $75,000 to hire an engineering firm to develop a plan to stabilize the banks of Lake Champlain in the area of Noblewood Park.
		2. Town of Chesterfield - $30,000 to hire an engineering firm to develop a green infrastructure feasibility study for reconstructing their stormwater conveyance systems in the Hamlet of Keeseville.
	+ DEC/EFC **Wastewater Infrastructure Engineering Planning Grant** (EPG) - EPG provides funding to municipalities for engineering and/or consultant fees for engineering and planning services to produce an engineering report for the initial planning of eligible Clean Water State Revolving Fund water quality projects. Projects awarded within the Lake Champlain Basin (totaling $120,000) were:
		1. Town of Ticonderoga – $30,000 to evaluate upgrade alternatives for phosphorus removal and recommend improvements to the wastewater treatment system.
		2. Town of Dresden – $30,000 to assess the existing condition of the wastewater collection system within Sewer District No. 1, evaluate alternatives, and recommend improvements.
		3. Town of AuSable – $30,000 to evaluate stormwater system rehabilitation and green infrastructure alternatives and recommend improvements to the stormwater collection system.
		4. Village of Saranac Lake – $30,000 to identify sources of inflow and infiltration in the Margaret Street and Ampersand Avenue areas, evaluate alternatives and recommend improvements to the wastewater collection system.
* The [Draft 2020-2022 Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List of Impaired/TMDL Waters](https://www.dec.ny.gov/fs/docs/spreadsheets/Draft_2020_2022_Section_303d_List.xlsx) for public comment. The public comment period closes on **January 28, 2022**. There are 37 listings in the Lake Champlain Basin. Information on how to submit comments can be found [here](https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/31290.html).
* New York’s Waterbody Inventory/Priority Waterbodies List (WI/PWL) fact sheets have been updated for all waterbodies that had monitoring conducted on them during 2011-2018. DEC programs collect monitoring data on rivers, streams, lakes, estuaries, and coastal waters, evaluate these results, and report the water quality information to the public. The WI/PWL provides narrative assessments of many New York State waters. WI/PWL fact sheets are available on the [DECinfo Locator](https://gisservices.dec.ny.gov/gis/dil/).
* DEC has posted a new [Asset Management Guide](https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/water_pdf/amguide.pdf) (Guide) on its website to help POTW owners and operators develop asset management programs suited to each unique wastewater treatment system and the goals of the community. The Guide will help municipalities plan and budget for the capital improvements and management strategies necessary to run their POTWs as efficiently and economically as possible. You can find additional asset management resources on [DEC's webpage](https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/101412.html). DEC and EFC are working together on a plan to put the *Guide* to practical use beginning this spring, help up to 50 municipalities develop and implement asset management programs, and provide feedback on ways the *Guide* might be improved. To initiate the plan, EFC has issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to hire a firm to act as an advisor, consultant, and program manager to work with up to 10 engineering firms that will work with the municipalities. The full RFQ is available on [EFC's webpage](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flnks.gd%2Fl%2FeyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTUsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTEyMzEuNTEwNzcyNzEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2VmYy5ueS5nb3YvcmZwIn0.Zk1NfC8CWpfg1V47op5mtuEnVh-Fc_21IiI8c9ESgUA%2Fs%2F1368748154%2Fbr%2F123946183471-l&data=04%7C01%7Cerin.vennie-vollrath%40dec.ny.gov%7C0b77c3b09320437bb22a08d9cc666343%7Cf46cb8ea79004d108ceb80e8c1c81ee7%7C0%7C0%7C637765562561099375%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=%2FRg86n%2BdySgIuUd2fGJT8muyAZzkU3gPE6aIyPoiO40%3D&reserved=0). Applications are **due February 2, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.**
* DEC launched second year of ice fishing creel surveys on Lake Champlain. Surveys will be conducted January through March 2022. The 2022 ice fishing survey will take place at four access points: Plattsburgh Boat Launch on Cumberland Bay; Willsboro Bay Boat Launch; Bulwagga Bay Campground; and South Bay Boat Launch. A copy of the [Lake Champlain Ice Fishing Creel Survey plan](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flnks.gd%2Fl%2FeyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTEyMjcuNTA5MDMxMzEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5kZWMubnkuZ292L291dGRvb3IvMTEyOTg3Lmh0bWwifQ.TgJwnFPor8YSiaNVmEf13DOkEsGy_rqztYlTMUR9xrQ%2Fs%2F1368748154%2Fbr%2F123737666494-l&data=04%7C01%7Cerin.vennie-vollrath%40dec.ny.gov%7Cbd6aa2c0e03e40f2c55c08d9c9718a03%7Cf46cb8ea79004d108ceb80e8c1c81ee7%7C0%7C0%7C637762311749136584%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=43dSAuyLTbv9AZf0HaKz0LZHKsHzEE7%2BzhVQgMxfR0s%3D&reserved=0) can be found on DEC's website. A summary of 2021 survey results will be available in early 2022.
* [DEC has announced the availability](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flnks.gd%2Fl%2FeyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMjAxMTQuNTE4MDk4MTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5kZWMubnkuZ292L2VuYi8yMDIyMDExMl9ub3QwLmh0bWwifQ.mvEroyG4s_pc8lNb8yj8zLcSGjnWzFVs8Lmw4hqF5kY%2Fs%2F1368748154%2Fbr%2F124997483442-l&data=04%7C01%7Cerin.vennie-vollrath%40dec.ny.gov%7C027cd13b52784e40eafb08d9d7714ab2%7Cf46cb8ea79004d108ceb80e8c1c81ee7%7C0%7C0%7C637777703854088579%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=1vtYQnExtXf5%2B1RkkHtPJV8fbtQGoF9qWlyuYQR54QQ%3D&reserved=0) of the draft renewal of the State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4), draft GP-0-22-002, and Fact Sheet for public comment. Find these documents, information about upcoming presentations, and other supporting materials on [DEC's Stormwater MS4 Permit and Forms webpage](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flnks.gd%2Fl%2FeyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDQsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMjAxMTQuNTE4MDk4MTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5kZWMubnkuZ292L2NoZW1pY2FsLzQzMTUwLmh0bWwifQ.ZXNU-LEzOQ0UjV-1H_d-jRE1IjtXInI2eJPlZkOhMPw%2Fs%2F1368748154%2Fbr%2F124997483442-l&data=04%7C01%7Cerin.vennie-vollrath%40dec.ny.gov%7C027cd13b52784e40eafb08d9d7714ab2%7Cf46cb8ea79004d108ceb80e8c1c81ee7%7C0%7C0%7C637777703854088579%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=A9anadqQqpI1KQWG0nbb0yBcz9FIKfCWr3Xl336KWyw%3D&reserved=0).
* DEC announced proposed changes to the State's regulations for the clean-up of contaminated sites that will advance efforts to revitalize communities and protect public health and the environment statewide. The proposals are available for public comment until **April 21, 2022**, and would create new cleanup standards for the oversight of the emerging contaminants perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctanoic sulfonate (PFOS), strengthen the implementation of the State's successful Brownfield Cleanup Program, and enhance State Superfund and other cleanup programs. All documents and related [information pertaining to the revised proposed rulemaking](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flnks.gd%2Fl%2FeyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDQsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTEyMjMuNTA3NjUzNjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5kZWMubnkuZ292L3JlZ3VsYXRpb25zLzEwMTkwOC5odG1sIn0.58JKtgPdRFkonoTbfwao8qvh0r-PJaenaszhMmUl_88%2Fs%2F1368748154%2Fbr%2F123666464884-l&data=04%7C01%7Cerin.vennie-vollrath%40dec.ny.gov%7C49e2267ebb844a81052d08d9c632317d%7Cf46cb8ea79004d108ceb80e8c1c81ee7%7C0%7C0%7C637758741164561547%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=Od9w46UsyIQ5pdnuM9%2FtCny7GzlfmRc7Ym7OF5MTY9Y%3D&reserved=0) are available on DEC's website.