



Funding Clean Water

Water Supply Restoration

The Water Supply Restoration Funding Program helps citizens, whose wells are impacted with potential health hazards due to man-made contaminants, restore their water supply to safe levels of drinking. Eligible contaminants do not include bacterial contamination or naturally-occurring chemicals.

There are three primary methods to provide safe drinking water at no cost to well owners:

- » connection to a public water system
- » installation of a water filtration system
- » delivery of bottled water

Funding and well-sampling requests are accepted year-round.

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Filter Installation in Polk County

Other Division Programs

The **Water and Springs Restoration Program** administers grants for springs restoration funding and other activities directed by the Legislature.

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The **Wastewater Grant Program** administers the new wastewater grant funding.

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The **Deepwater Horizon Program** handles funds associated with the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.

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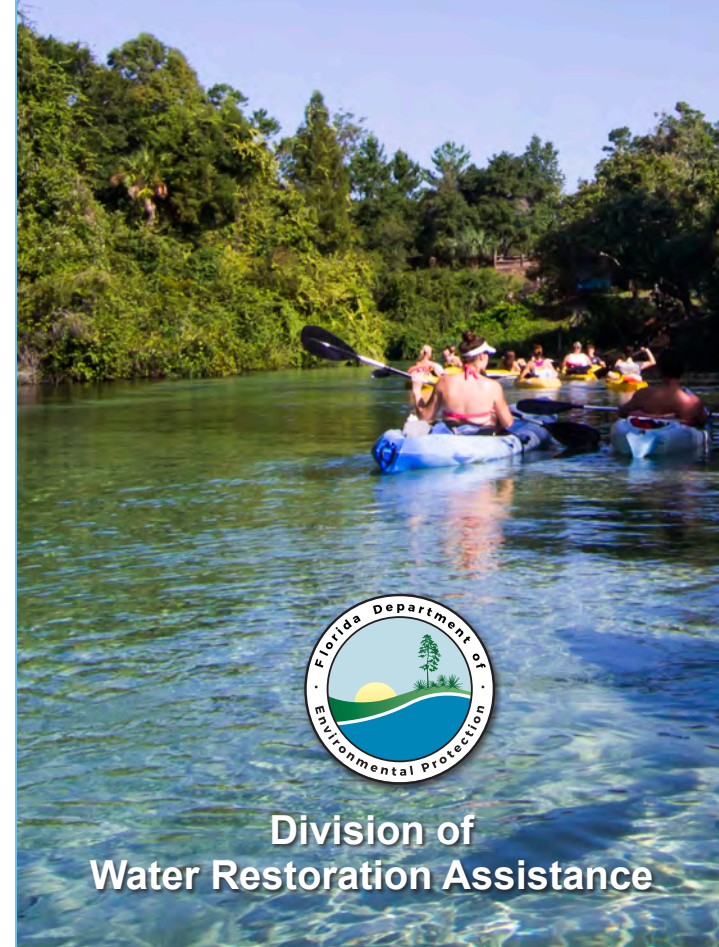


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Division of Water Restoration Assistance



The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Water Restoration Assistance provides grants and loans to improve the quality and quantity of Florida's water resources. Funding is available in several areas.

Drinking Water

The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund provides low-interest loans to local governments and private utilities to plan, design and build or upgrade drinking water systems. Discounted assistance and principal forgiveness is available for qualified communities. Interest rates on loans are typically 40 percent below market rates.

Applications for loans are accepted year-round and are evaluated for funding each August and quarterly thereafter as long as funds are available.

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Stormwater and Wastewater

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) provides low-interest loans to local governments to plan, design and build or upgrade wastewater, reuse, stormwater and nonpoint source pollution prevention projects.

Agricultural best management practices as well as clean energy projects that benefit water quality may also qualify for funding. Interest rates on loans are below market rates and vary based on a community's economic means.

Small communities are eligible for principal forgiveness or grants for projects funded by a CWSRF loan if the community has a population of 10,000 people or fewer and per capita income levels below Florida's average. Projects must be associated with wastewater collection, transmission, treatment, reuse or disposal facilities.

Applications for loans and grants are accepted year-round and are evaluated for funding each August and quarterly thereafter as long as funds are available.

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Clean Water State Revolving Fund provided loans for Miami-Dade South District Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Nonpoint Source Pollution Prevention

The Clean Water Act Section 319(h) Grant and the State Water-quality Assistance Grant (SWAG) fund projects that reduce pollution from nonpoint sources and urban stormwater.

The Section 319(h) Grant funds projects or programs that benefit Florida's priority watersheds. Local sponsors must provide at least a 40-percent match or in-kind contribution. About \$5 million is received annually from EPA to fund projects.

Activities eligible for funding:

- » demonstration and evaluation of urban and agricultural best management practices
- » best management practices that reduce nonpoint source pollution
- » public education

SWAG funds are available through periodic legislative appropriations to DEP. When funds are available, the program funds stormwater retrofit projects that improve impaired waters, such as stormwater treatment, erosion and sediment control, and septic tank pollution abatement.

Combined applications for both funds are accepted and evaluated in the spring of each year.

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