

FUNDING CLEAN WATER



DIVISION OF WATER RESTORATION ASSISTANCE

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection provides grants and loans to improve the quality and quantity of the state's water resources.

The Division of Water Restoration Assistance is responsible for providing financial assistance through a number of programs for improvements in water quality and quantity.

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 are available for qualified communities.

Interest rates on loans are typically 40% below market rates. Applications for loans are accepted year-round and are evaluated for funding each August and quarterly thereafter as long as funds remain available.

Learn more:

[FloridaDEP.gov/WRA/srf/content/dwsrf-program](https://www.floridaDEP.gov/WRA/srf/content/dwsrf-program).

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 remain available.

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

Nonpoint Source Pollution Prevention

State-Water Quality Assistance Grants (SWAG) funding is used to implement eligible shovel-ready stormwater treatment projects that reduce or eliminate nonpoint source nutrient pollution in verified impaired waterbodies.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) funding through Section 319(h) of the Clean Water Act is used to implement nonpoint source best management practices, public education programs to prevent pollution, and septic abandonment/connection to sewer on private property.

Project proposals accepted year-round.

Learn more:

[FloridaDEP.gov/WRA/NonpointSourceGrants](https://www.floridadep.gov/WRA/NonpointSourceGrants).

Springs and Watershed Restoration Program

This program provides funding assistance for projects that improve the quality and quantity of the state's water resources. Works closely with the water management districts, local governments and other stakeholders to identify and implement springs projects that achieve restoration goals.

Learn more:

[FloridaDEP.gov/springs/restoration-funding](https://www.floridadep.gov/springs/restoration-funding).



Stormwater pond at Capital Cascades Park.

Water Quality Improvement Grant Program

This program provides funding to address wastewater (including septic to sewer), stormwater, and agricultural sources of nutrients in waterbodies that are not attaining nutrient or nutrient-related standards, have an established total maximum daily load or are located within a basin management action plan area, a reasonable assurance plan area, an accepted alternative restoration plan area, or a rural area of opportunity under s. 288.0656.



Walkway over wetland at Wilson's Landing Park.

OTHER DIVISION PROGRAMS

Water Quality and Supply Program administers grants for alternative water supply projects and other activities directed by the Florida Legislature.

Learn more: FloridaDEP.gov/WRA/WRA/content/water-quality-improvement-grant-program.

Water Supply Restoration helps restore water supply to safe drinking water levels for Floridians whose wells are impacted by human-made contaminants.

Learn more: FloridaDEP.gov/WRA/water-supply-restoration.

Deepwater Horizon Program handles funds associated with the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

Learn more: FloridaDEP.gov/DeepwaterHorizon.

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