

INTRODUCTION

The Priority Lake and Watershed Implementation Program (PLWIP) began in July 1997 with funds provided through “Partners for Conservation”, a long-term, comprehensive, Illinois natural resource protection bill. PLWIP is a reimbursement grant program designed to support lake protection, restoration and enhancement activities at “priority” lakes where causes and sources of problems are apparent, project sites are highly accessible, project size is relatively small and local entities are in a position to quickly implement needed treatments. Priority lakes are identified by the Agency in a report entitled, *Targeted Watershed Approach – A Data Driven Prioritization* (Document No. IEPA/BOW/ 97-004). In general, priority lakes are unique, high quality aquatic resources, and/or serve multiple purposes (recreation and public water supply) and are in need of protection or restoration.

This application package contains all the information needed to apply for PLWIP funding. Complete the application materials by March 1st of each year and return to one of the Illinois EPA Regional Offices listed below. Please contact any of the state or regional office Lakes Unit staff with questions regarding this application or PLWIP, in general.

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Bureau of Water – Surface Water Section
Lakes Unit Manager
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276
217/782-3362

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Bureau of Water – Surface Water Section
Springfield Monitoring and Assessment Unit
4500 South Sixth Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706
217/786-6893

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Bureau of Water – Surface Water Section
DesPlaines Monitoring and Assessment Unit
9511 West Harrison
DesPlaines, Illinois 60016
847/294-4000

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Bureau of Water – Surface Water Section
Marion Monitoring and Assessment Unit
2309 West Main Street
Marion, Illinois 62959
618/993-7200

ELIGIBILITY

Any inland lake owner is eligible to apply for a PLWIP grant if the following criteria are met:

- A. The lake is publicly owned.
- B. The causes and sources of pollution are apparent.
- C. The project site is highly visible.
- D. The project site is easily accessible.
- E. The project size is relatively small.
- F. Local management is in a position to quickly implement necessary treatment (Project must be completed within 18 months).
- G. Recipient must obtain local, State and Federal permits (i.e. 404 permit).
- H. Recipient must be willing to:
 - 1. Display an Illinois EPA PLWIP sign (provided by Illinois EPA) in a visible area of the lake for a minimum of five years.
 - 2. Run an ad in the local newspaper before and after project implementation about Conservation 2000 and funding through Illinois EPA.
 - 3. Maintain the project area for a minimum of ten years.
 - 4. Submit quarterly progress reports.

FUNDING

PLWIP is funded by Partners for Conservation through the Illinois EPA's Clean Lakes Program. Illinois EPA will reimburse up to 100 percent of the total project costs, although a dollar match or in-kind service match may receive additional consideration for grant awards. Illinois Clean Lakes Program funds allocated per project range from \$10,000 to \$40,000.

Recipient is reimbursed by the Illinois EPA on no less than a quarterly basis, with a maximum of \$25,000 per submittal. Final reimbursement payment will be made when the project has been completed.

PRINCIPLES OF PRIORITIZATION

Prioritization of project proposals are based on two principal criteria as follows:

- A. Evaluation of the inland lake based on the Targeted Watershed Approach (TWA) priority. Priority lakes are identified by the Agency in a report entitled, *Targeted Watershed Approach – A Data Driven Prioritization* (Document No. IEPA/BOW/97-004).
- B. Evaluation of the inland lake based on Illinois' Updated Lake Classification System and Ranking of Significant Publicly-Owned Lakes (Appendix Table F-4, *Illinois Water Quality Report, 1994 – 1995, Vol. II*).

Secondary criteria that may be considered in the prioritization process include:

- A. Site accessibility.
- B. Public visibility.
- C. Prior interest and action taken by the lake owner for lake protection or restoration.
- D. Public use of the lake.
- E. Lake enhancement potential due to project implementation.
- F. Percent match provided.

REQUIRED INFORMATION FOR PLWIP APPLICATION

- A. Completed PLWIP application form, including the following information:
 - 1. Mandatory information.
 - a. Lake name
 - b. Nearest city
 - c. County
 - d. Legislative District
 - e. Ownership
 - f. Recipient name
 - g. Recipient contact
 - h. Recipient address
 - i. Recipient telephone number
 - j. Recipient Fax number
 - k. Recipient FEIN or Social Security Number
 - 2. Two to three paragraph description of the project and expected benefits.

3. Estimated Project Schedule. Maximum 18 month project duration from time of grant receipt.
4. Estimated Project Costs:
 - Direct Labor:* Direct labor costs normally include salaries at a regular time rate. Include only the cost of the actual time devoted to work performed under the Agreement.
 - Indirect Costs:* Common indirect costs include overhead on direct labor and administrative expenses (employment taxes, fringe benefits, holidays, vacation, etc.).

Direct salaries are the normal distribution base for overhead costs, but in some circumstances other bases produce more equitable results.
5. Match:
 - Funding amount contributed by the Recipient, which may include in-kind materials and services, and hard dollar match from non-federal sources, which are not used to match any other federal grant.
6. Brief history of local interest in lake restoration.
7. Brief description of watershed best management practices implemented to date.
8. Indicate type of public access.
9. Lake characteristics: Provide information on the following if available:
 - Watershed area
 - Surface area
 - Mean depth
 - Maximum depth
10. Estimate land-use (by percent) in the watershed (if available).
11. Check all applicable lake or recreational uses.
12. Provide a summary of physical, chemical or biological data available for the lake (water-quality, sediment, sedimentation studies, bathymetric map, etc.).

B. Complete and sign the Conditions / Certifications document in the package (yellow sheets). Return this document with the completed application form by March 1st of each year to the appropriate Regional Office Lakes Unit staff.

**Partners for Conservation Priority Lake and Watershed Implementation Program
Project Proposal**

1. Lake Name: _____
2. Nearest City: _____
3. County: _____
4. Legislative District: _____
5. Ownership: _____
6. Recipient: _____
7. Recipient Contact: _____
8. Recipient Address: _____
9. Recipient Telephone Number: _____
10. Recipient Fax Number: _____
11. Recipient FEIN or Social Security Number: _____
12. 2-3 Paragraph Scope Of Work And Expected Benefits Statements:

13. Estimated Project Schedule (project must be completed by December 31, 20____):

<u>Item Description</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>End Date</u>
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14. Estimated Project Costs:

Direct Labor
Fringe/Indirect
Equipment/Materials/Supplies
Subcontracts
Other _____

<u>Totals:</u>	
\$	_____
\$	_____
\$	_____
\$	_____
\$	_____

Total Costs: \$ _____

15. Match:

Dollar
In Kind

<u>Totals:</u>	
\$	_____
\$	_____

Total Match: \$ _____

Briefly Describe The History Of Interest And Previous Efforts Of Local Agency/Population To Solve Problems With The Lake (if any):

Briefly Describe To What Level The Watershed Area Has Been Protected To Prevent Pollution To The Lake (if any):

Access Type: Does The Lake Provide The General Public (NonResidents) With:

Open/free access	_____yes	_____no
Fee for access	_____yes	_____no
No access	_____yes	_____no

Lake Characteristics (if available):

Watershed Area	_____acres/hectares
Surface Area	_____acres/hectares
Mean Depth	_____feet/meters
Maximum Depth	_____feet/meters

Watershed Characteristics (if available):

	Acres	% Of Total
Cropland	_____	_____
Pasture	_____	_____
Forest	_____	_____
Urban	_____	_____
Other_____	_____	_____

Lake And Recreational Use (check all that apply):

Public Water Supply	_____
Fishing	_____
Swimming	_____
Canoe/Sailing	_____
Motor Boating	_____
Skiing	_____
Camping	_____
Bicycling	_____
Picnicking	_____
Hiking	_____
Horseback Riding	_____
Other_____	_____

Is Water Quality and Sediment Data Available (explain): _____yes _____no

