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## **Applications Due May 15**

### **Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund Has \$3.5 Million Available**

The Department of Conservation and Recreation has announced that it will be accepting applications for funding under the Water Quality Improvement Fund. Applications are due May 15, 2007. The application and examples of projects funded in the past can be found on the DCR website. Available funds this year are listed at \$3.5 million.

The WQIF provides funding for non-point source water quality improvement under two programs: Strategic Non-Point Source Water Quality Initiatives and Cooperative Non-Point Source Pollution Programs with Local Governments. Sixty percent of the available funding will be awarded to projects in the Virginia Chesapeake Bay Watershed; the remaining 40% will fund projects in the Southern Rivers Watersheds of Virginia. Grants range from a minimum of \$25,000 to a maximum of \$200,000. All projects require at least a 50% match.

Any local government, state agency, non-profit organization, educational institution, or individual is eligible to apply for the funds from WQIF. Funds can be used for:

- Storm water management
- Nutrient management
- Residential septic system improvement
- Riparian buffer protection
- Abandoned mine reclamation
- Stream restoration
- Small acreage horse facilities improvement

Six regional workshops have been scheduled in March to clarify the RFP and application. The workshop schedule is listed below. More information can be found on DCR's website.

- ◆ March 5, 2007 – Marion, VA
- ◆ March 6, 2007 – Lynchburg, VA
- ◆ March 8, 2007 – Harrisonburg, VA
- ◆ March 12, 2007 – Manassas, VA
- ◆ March 13, 2007 – Williamsburg, VA
- ◆ March 14, 2007 – Emporia, VA

Awards are expected to be announced in August and funding will be available October 1, 2007. All projects should be completed by December 31, 2009.

For more information go to the DCR's website at [http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil\\_&\\_water/wqia.shtml](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil_&_water/wqia.shtml) or call Sarah Capps at the DCR at 804-225-3785. You may also contact Sheryl Stephens ([sstephens@daa.com](mailto:sstephens@daa.com)) at 804-264-2228.

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