

# BIL/IIJA Funding – Outreach and Technical Assistance Contacts



The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has increased staffing throughout its programs to help communities within Wisconsin access the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), also known as Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) of 2021, funding for wastewater and drinking water infrastructure projects. These new staff were hired to provide technical assistance, create new grant opportunities, and conduct outreach for municipalities, with an emphasis on small, disadvantaged, rural, and/or Tribal communities and systems. Learn about [BIL/IIJA funding](#).

## Environmental Loans – Community Financial Assistance Program

The BIL/IIJA funding is being added to the DNR's existing Clean Water Fund Program (CWFP) and Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP). These programs provide subsidized loans with a standard interest rate of 55% of the market rate to municipalities for eligible water infrastructure projects. Eligible projects include those that are needed to achieve or maintain compliance with federal and state regulations relating to drinking water supply and wastewater treatment. Learn about the [Environmental Loans programs](#).

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View the entire [Environmental Loans staff directory](#), includes loan project managers and construction management engineers.

# Drinking Water and Groundwater Program

The Drinking Water and Groundwater Program works to protect the quality and quantity of the state's water resources and ensure the safety of drinking water. Learn about [drinking water](#).

**Jeffery Steele**, Emerging Contaminants Water Supply Specialist, works on manganese and PFAS (perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances) projects, reviews PFAS testing samples, determines waiver status, facilitates meetings with DNR staff and public water systems, analyzes data, and presents PFAS data to stakeholders. Learn about [PFAS](#).

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# Water Quality Program

The Water Quality Program is focused on protecting and improving Wisconsin's surface water and groundwater to ensure they support healthy ecosystems, biodiversity, and use by the public. Learn about [surface water quality](#) and [wastewater](#).

**Lauren Haydon**, Watershed Protection Coordinator, coordinates with DNR staff and local, state, and federal partners to leverage funding and partnerships to ensure long-term water resources protection. Conducts outreach and provides technical assistance for the [Healthy Watersheds, High Quality Waters Program](#).

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**Ezra Meyer**, Climate Resilience Outreach Specialist, conducts outreach, assists Tribal and local governments, and coordinates with partners to identify how loan funding can support projects that make communities, water infrastructure, and watersheds more resilient to the impacts of climate change. Learn about [climate change impacts in Wisconsin](#).

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# Watershed Management Program

The Watershed Management Program administers water quality programs associated with management of storm water runoff, agricultural runoff, and other nonpoint sources of pollution as well as Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) permits to improve and protect water quality. Learn about [nonpoint source \(NPS\) pollution](#).

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For more information on the BIL/IIJA funding, visit our website at [dnr.wi.gov/Aid/BILfunding](http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/BILfunding).

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