

BIL 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) 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 more at dnr.wi.gov/Aid/BILfunding.

Environmental Loans – Community Financial Assistance Program

The BIL 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 more at dnr.wi.gov/Aid/EIF.html.

Contact	Role
Noah Balgooyen , (608) 720-0802 noah.balgooyen@wisconsin.gov	Safe Drinking Water Loan Program Coordinator: Manages SDWLP, which provides affordable financial assistance to municipalities for drinking water infrastructure projects.
Lisa Bushby , (608) 358-3330 lisa.bushby@wisconsin.gov	Clean Water Fund Program Coordinator: Manages CWFP, which provides affordable financial assistance to municipalities for wastewater and water quality-related storm water infrastructure projects.

View the entire Environmental Loans directory, including loan project managers and construction management engineers, at dnr.wi.gov/Aid/Documents/EIF/Guide/Managers.html.

Drinking Water & 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 more at dnr.wi.gov/topic/DrinkingWater and dnr.wi.gov/topic/Groundwater.

Contact	Role
Jeff Flashinski , (608) 445-5237 jeffrey.flashinski@wisconsin.gov	Emerging Contaminants Water Supply Specialist: Works on PFAS 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.
Olivia Fronmueller , (608) 893-0417 olivia.fronmueller@wisconsin.gov	Federal Programs Project Manager: Manages BIL-funded outreach projects to support lead service line replacement (LSLR) statewide, including working with local health departments and a grant program for community-based outreach.
Briana Harter , (608) 893-0709 briana.harter@wisconsin.gov	Federal Grants Technical Coordinator: Coordinates the Emerging Contaminants in Small or Disadvantaged Communities (EC-SDC) Grant Program and the WIIN-funded Small, Underserved, and Disadvantaged Communities (SUDC) Grant Program.
Elaine Meier , (608) 712-0763 elainec.meier@wisconsin.gov	Federal Programs Outreach Coordinator: Coordinates, develops, and implements statewide communications for drinking water and groundwater (DG) federal projects. Leads outreach initiatives for DG projects and creates communication materials for diverse audiences.

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 more at dnr.wi.gov/topic/Nonpoint.

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Matthew Kaelin , (414) 639-4272 matthew.kaelin@wisconsin.gov	Municipal Storm Water Infrastructure Specialist: Supports small, rural, and Tribal communities in identifying storm water infrastructure projects to benefit water quality in their communities. Engages in outreach and technical assistance for storm water projects statewide.
Trent Thurston , (608) 228-5725 trent.thurston@wisconsin.gov	Municipal Storm Water Infrastructure Specialist: Supports small, rural, and Tribal communities in identifying storm water infrastructure projects to benefit water quality in their communities. Engages in outreach and technical assistance for storm water projects statewide.

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 more at dnr.wi.gov/topic/Surfacewater and dnr.wi.gov/topic/Wastewater.

Contact	Role
Lisa Creegan , (414) 897-5701 lisa.creegan@wisconsin.gov	BIL Funding Wastewater Specialist: Provides statewide outreach and assistance to wastewater treatment facilities in obtaining funding for water quality improvements through BIL Funding.
Sawyer Dobson , (608) 444-1378 sawyer.dobson@wisconsin.gov	Wastewater Engineer: Provides technical assistance and review during planning for municipal wastewater engineering projects.
Lauren Haydon , (414) 340-0161 lauren.haydon@wisconsin.gov	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.
Laura James , (608) 740-0085 laura.james@wisconsin.gov	Agricultural Nonpoint Source Outreach Specialist: Provides statewide outreach and assistance to municipalities that are considering using the Pilot Projects Program to fund Water Quality Trading and other nonpoint source projects.
Ezra Meyer , (608) 896-2456 ezra.meyer@wisconsin.gov	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.
Manuel Santos Quispe , (608) 733-0877 manuel.quispevillaverde@wisconsin.gov	Wastewater Engineer/Water Resources Engineer: Provides technical assistance and review during planning for municipal wastewater engineering projects.
Benjamin Wacker , (608) 590-9619 benjamin.wacker@wisconsin.gov	Wastewater Engineer: Provides technical assistance and review during planning for municipal wastewater engineering projects.