



Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Wetland General Permit Surcharge Project Funding

Summary: The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) is seeking to provide funding for projects directly benefiting wetlands and associated aquatic resources. The funding priorities of this program closely align to other state and federal funding opportunities.

Funding: WDNR is currently seeking project proposals totaling \$100,000 or less, with the option to provide a larger funding award to projects meeting several of the preferred qualifications.

Minimum qualifications:

- Wetland and aquatic resource benefit
- Contains hydrologic restoration component (tile break, ditch fill, stream restoration)
- Open to the public (Public property or waters of the State)

Preferred qualifications:

- Match funding
- Flood improvement (community/urban hydrologic benefit)
- Significant water quality benefit (TMDL priority, 9-key element plan, etc.) Habitat nexus (project links or is contiguous to established habitat areas)
- Benefits rare wetland type or rare species
- Benefits critical habitat (spawning/breeding habitats, environmental corridors, etc.)
- Permanent access agreement (conservation easement, deed restriction, etc.)

Submission: Applications may be submitted at any time, but applications must be received by December 15 of each calendar year to be considered for that year's funding. Scoring and selection of projects will occur at the end of each year and notification will be provided by the following February. Submit questions and application materials to Josh Brown (608-516-3708, JoshuaA.Brown@wisconsin.gov). Application materials must include: 1) Narrative outlining project goals and design; 2) Measure of potentially restored habitat; 3) Estimated total cost and ask for Wetland General Permit Surcharge Project Funding; 4) Anticipated start and end dates.

