Who’s Got Money???

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Environmental Loans Program
Clean Water Fund Program 101

• Provide financial assistance to municipalities
• Subsidized loans (up to 20 years)
• 75% of Market Rate
  • Current market rate: 3.5%
  • Subsidized rate: 2.625%
• Principal Forgiveness
  • Based on MHI/Population
Clean Water Fund Program 101

- Eligible traditional projects
  - Wastewater & urban runoff treatment facilities
  - Wastewater collection systems
  - Structural urban Best Management Practices (BMPs)
Clean Water Fund Pilot Projects

- Statutory authorization in March 2013 to fund “pilot projects”
- ss. 281.58(2); 281.58(7)(b)7
- Consistent with federal CWF Act
- Non-specified interest rate
- Rules not required
Clean Water Fund Pilot Projects

- Funding agreement must be with a municipality
- Project must be to improve/protect water quality or human health
- Must have a construction component associated with it
- Must submit an “Intent to Apply” form for future funding
Clean Water Fund Pilot Projects

Formed an advisory group to develop program protocols

- DNR staff
  - Adaptive management coordinator
- Nonpoint Source managers
- Municipal WWT reps
- WLWCA
- DATCP
Clean Water Fund Pilot Projects

Proposal to date:

• “0” percent interest loans
• Length of loan tied to permit terms (5 year increments)
• Loan awarded to WWT facility
  • Revenue stream needed
• WWT facilities use counties as “consultant” for implementing activities
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Proposal to date (cont’d):

• Pre-adaptive management is eligible
  • Includes installation of gaging stations (considered “construction”)
• Need Adaptive Management Plan approved by the DNR
• Principal Forgiveness not awarded to pilot projects
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Obstacles/Discussions needed:

• Funding limitations
  • Easements/land acquisition
  • Activities on private property
• Scoring system for Projects
• Need to complement other NPS funding
• Timing
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