

Texas Water Development Board

*The Clean Water State Revolving Fund
and
Land Conservation*

What is the Clean Water State Revolving Fund

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) program is a federal-state partnership that provides communities a permanent, independent source of low-cost financing for a wide range of water quality infrastructure projects.

Eligible Applicants

CWSRF

Political Subdivisions
(Cities, Counties, Districts, etc.)








Non-profit Water Supply
Corporations




Privates



Eligible Projects

	CWSRF
Potable Reuse	
Wastewater Collection	
Wastewater Treatment	
Nonpoint Source Pollution Control	
Flood Control/ Stormwater Management	

Type of Funding Offered

	CWSRF
Low interest loans	
Principal Forgiveness for Disadvantaged Communities and Green Projects	

Clean Water State Revolving Fund Section 319 (NPS) Program

- Assistance for the Development and Implementation of Nonpoint Source Pollution Management Programs
- NPS BMPs are activities, practices, and procedures undertaken to prevent or reduce water pollution
- Acquisition is an Eligible Phase
- Are Land Conservation Projects Eligible?

Land Acquisition & Conservation Easements Eligible

- Water quality protection
- Source water protection
- Protection of riparian buffers
- Protection of wetlands
- Flood protection
- Bay and estuary protection
- Possibly more

What are others doing?

Land Conservation - Georgia

- **Purpose** - Must advance at least one of 10 conservation purposes
- **Type of Funding** – Grants, low-interest loans, tax credits
- **Source of Funds** – Georgia Land Conservation Trust Fund (grants) and Georgia Clean Water State Revolving Fund (loans)
- **Who is Eligible** – State agencies and state authorities (grants/loans), non-profit conservation organizations (loans), landowners (tax credits)
- **Use** – Fee simple purchase or conservation easements

Land Conservation – New York

- **Purpose** – To protect water quality
- **Type of Funding** - Low-interest loans (at or below market)
- **Source of Funds** – New York State Clean Water State Revolving Fund
- **Who is Eligible** - New York State municipalities and non-profit organizations
- **Use:** Conservation easements

Land Conservation - Virginia

- **Purpose** - To improve and/or protect Commonwealth water resources
- **Type of Funding** – Short & Long-term loans, Minimum loan is \$50,000, no maximum
- **Limit on funding** – available only in years when there is a balance in the state's revolving fund after all eligible loan requests from local governments
- **Source of Funds** – Virginia Water Facilities Revolving Fund (CWSRF)
- **Who is Eligible** -Governmental bodies and non-profit organizations
- **Use:** Fee simple title or permanent conservation or open space easement in real property

Land Conservation - Ohio

- **Purpose** – To protect or restore water resources
- **Type of Funding** - Discounted low-interest loans
 - Utilize sponsorship borrowers
- **Source of Funds** – Ohio Clean Water Act State Revolving Fund
- **Who is Eligible** – All eligible applicants under Section 212 (POTW) and Section 319 (NPS)
- **Use** - land acquisition and conservation easements

Land Conservation – New Jersey

- **Purpose** – To preserve open land that maintains or enhances the quality of surface water or groundwater
- **Type of Funding** – Low interest loans
- **Source of Funds** - CWSRF
- **Who is Eligible** – Municipalities and counties
- **Use** – stream headwaters and corridors, wetlands and aquifer recharge areas

QUESTION

- Could the Texas CWSRF be used to conserve land?

Absolutely

- Projects that demonstrate water quality benefits
- Strong, willing sponsors
- Dedicated source of loan repayment

Barriers

- CWSRF program requirements
- Repayment sources or lack thereof
- Legalities of land purchases
- Lack of water quality benefit
- Public sentiment
- Credit risk of privates
- Lack of demand

Questions or comments.