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**DEC ANNOUNCES DEADLINE EXTENSION FOR \$45 MILLION IN WATER
QUALITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS**

New Application Deadline is December 13

**Grants Will Help Fund Projects to Improve Water Quality, Reduce Polluted Runoff and
Restore Natural Habitats in NY**

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Joe Martens today announced that the agency has extended the deadline to apply for \$45 million in grants for Water Quality Improvement Projects (WQIPs) through December 13, 2013. The WQIP program is a competitive, reimbursement grant program for projects that improve water quality, reduce polluted runoff and restore habitat in New York's bodies of water. Recipients can be reimbursed 75 percent to 85 percent of the project costs, depending on the type of project.

Municipalities, Soil and Water Conservation Districts and not-for-profit corporations are eligible to apply for funding. Funding will be available for projects that focus on:

- Municipal wastewater treatment
- Polluted runoff abatement and control from non-farm sources
- Aquatic habitat restoration

Application materials for Water Quality Improvement Projects are available for download on DEC's website at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/4774.html>. Application materials are also available by calling (518) 402-8267. All project applications must be postmarked by December 13, 2013.

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