



## Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization

*Intermunicipal cooperation to protect the watershed*

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The Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization would request the following topics be considered as part of the Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bon Act funding:

- \*Funding to implement State Water Quality Plans such as TMDLs, 9-Element, etc.
- \*State contributions to the funding of watershed managers/stewards
- \*Increased funding for Soil and Water Conservation Districts to ensure all are equitably funded.
- \*Reduced grant matches to enable entities with small budgets to apply.
- \*Allow a larger percentage of grant funding to be used to pay for personnel expenses.
- \*Funding of ditch remediation projects to reduce sedimentation and nutrient loading
- \*Funding for acquisition of lands critical to water quality such as for buffers, retention ponds, wetlands, etc
- \*Funding for stream stabilization projects
- \*Continued funding for project planning
- \*Septic system replacement funding
- \*Funding to address reduction of nutrients migrating to the lake and tributaries from animal manure.