Lycoming County Countywide Action Plan (CAP) Grant 2025 Guidelines

Grant Application available at: https://www.lyco.org/Grants

The Lycoming County Countywide Action Plan (CAP) outlines a strategy to enhance the quality of local water through coordinating partnerships and the installation of projects. Lycoming County expects to receive funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) each year to support the implementation of CAP for installation of water quality improvements. Water quality improvements consist of best management practices (BMPs) that remedy stormwater runoff from urban and agricultural sources and/or stabilize unstable stream systems.

Approval Guidelines for Applicant

- Applicant must complete application (paper or electronic)
- Applicant must secure and supply landowner(s) permission and access authorization for the project location(s). Applicant can demonstrate permission and access was secured by providing a letter of commitment from Landowner(s).

Timeline

September 30, 2025	Applications due to Lycoming County
October 31, 2025	Applicants notified of Lycoming County's selected projects *(expected)*
October 31, 2025	County submits application package with selected projects to DEP
December 2025	DEP CAP funding announcements *(anticipated)*
January 2026	Earliest start date for CAP-funded projects

Lycoming County Program Priorities:

The Lycoming County Countywide Action Plan outlines BMPs that are the priority objects of the County to meet their clean water goals. A list of these priority BMPs types and quantity goals are listed in Appendix A. This listing is provided to serve as example for potential applications to review. Projects prepared for the actual implementation of BMPs on the ground are the target applicant for the CAP funding. However, all water quality BMP proposals and applicants will be considered for CAP funding. While funding engineering, planning, and design fees are not precluded, projects that are deemed to be "shovel-ready" will receive priority.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants include: municipalities, government entities, non-profit and community organizations, education institutions. Individuals are not eligible to apply. Projects must be located in Lycoming County.

Funding Availability and Match

Approximately $500,000 is expected to be available for CAP project implementation, contingent upon the project reediness and approval from DEP. Additional funds may be available. Project match is not required.

Application Evaluation Criteria

Each application will be evaluated for completeness and relevancy of the requested material, and it will be rated based on the following standards. A 100-point rating system based on four (4) criteria will be used to rank all applications:

Evaluation Criteria	
Category 1: Efficiency of Pollution Reduction	**50 Points**
Proposed applicants need to aim to reduce pollution from nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment by implementing projects using BMPs. The CAP coordinator will determine reduction amounts by entering the project into CAST and Practice Keeper for estimates. Project scoring will vary based on how well a project compares to others in the same application round. Scoring will be weighted with nitrogen having the most value, phosphorus having less value and sediment having the least value.	
Category 2: Readiness of Project	**20 Points**
Applicants should demonstrate projects as being “shovel-ready”. Although, no funding match is required, projects that show a match to contribute will be given preference other over projects. Applicants can demonstrate project readiness by supplying site plans, engineered drawings, evidence of permits in hand or submittals, and landowner permission.	
Category 3: Location of Implementation	**15 Points**
Project applications that have ability to benefit streams that have deemed impaired by the DEP will also be prioritized. Search the DEP Integrated web mapping tool for more information on impaired stream locations in Lycoming County.	
Category 4: Narrative Applications	**15 Points**
Applications that can also demonstrate additional priorities that have the ability to achieve other local clean water goals, such as expanding existing areas with BMPs will receive preference over other projects	
Total:	**100 Points**

Appendix A

Lycoming County Countywide Action Plan Priority BMPs

Sector	BMP	BMP Quantity	Measurement Unit
Agriculture	Agriculture Stormwater Management	49.1	acres
Agriculture	Agriculture Stormwater Management	11.9	acres
Agriculture	Barnyard Runoff Control	40	acres
Agriculture	Cover Crop Traditional Wheat Normal Other	8000	acres
Agriculture	Forest Buffer	9.2	acres
Agriculture	Forest Buffer	5	acres
Agriculture	Forest Buffer-Narrow with Exclusion Fencing	48.9	acres
Agriculture	Grass Buffer	500	acres
Agriculture	Grass Buffer	117.2	acres
Agriculture	Land Retirement to Ag Open Space	9.75	acres
Agriculture	Land Retirement to Pasture	3500	acres
Agriculture	Land Retirement to Pasture	6	acres
Agriculture	Nutrient Management Core N	1000	acres
Agriculture	Nutrient Management Core P	1000	acres
Agriculture	Nutrient Management N Placement	1000	acres
Agriculture	Nutrient Management N Rate	1000	acres
Agriculture	Nutrient Management N Timing	1000	acres
Agriculture	Nutrient Management P Placement	1000	acres
Agriculture	Nutrient Management P Rate	1000	acres
Agriculture	Nutrient Management P Timing	1000	acres
Agriculture	Off Stream Watering Without Fencing	20.3	acres
Agriculture	Precision Intensive Rotational/Prescribed Grazing	2700	acres
Agriculture	Precision Intensive Rotational/Prescribed Grazing	153	acres
Agriculture	Soil Conservation and Water Quality Plans	21700	acres
Agriculture	Soil Conservation and Water Quality Plans	9200	acres
Agriculture	Soil Conservation and Water Quality Plans	1220	acres
Agriculture	Soil Conservation and Water Quality Plans	1550	acres
Agriculture	Soil Conservation and Water Quality Plans	746.31	acres
Agriculture	Tillage Management-Conservation	600	acres
Agriculture	Tillage Management-Continuous High Residue	786.13	acres
Agriculture	Water Control Structures	285.8	acres
Animals	Animal Waste Management System	10	number of systems
Developed	Advanced Sweeping Technology - 1 pass/2 weeks	673.1	miles
Developed	Bioretention/raingardens - A/B soils, underdrain	15.86	acres
Developed	Bioretention/raingardens - C/D soils, underdrain	20.49	acres
Developed	Bioswale	5	acres
Developed	Conservation Landscaping Practices	20	acres
Developed	Conservation Landscaping Practices	55	acres
Developed	Dirt & Gravel Road Erosion & Sediment Control - Driving Surface Aggregate + Raising the Roadbed	10	feet
Developed	Dirt & Gravel Road Erosion & Sediment Control - Driving Surface Aggregate + Raising the Roadbed	8.7	feet
Developed	Dirt & Gravel Road Erosion & Sediment Control - Driving Surface Aggregate with Outlets	49	feet
Developed	Dirt & Gravel Road Erosion & Sediment Control - Driving Surface Aggregate with Outlets	4235	feet

Developed	Dirt & Gravel Road Erosion & Sediment Control - Outlets only	1	feet
Developed	Dry Detention Ponds and Hydrodynamic Structures	15.39	acres
Developed	Filter Strip Runoff Reduction	10	acres
Developed	Filter Strip Stormwater Treatment	10	acres
Developed	Filtering Practices	10	acres
Developed	Forest Buffer	9.4	acres
Developed	Forest Buffer	20	acres
Developed	Forest Buffer	430	acres
Developed	Forest Planting	100	acres
Developed	Forest Planting	1	acres
Developed	Forest Planting	6	acres
Developed	Forest Planting	10	acres
Developed	Forest Planting	20	acres
Developed	Impervious Surface Reduction	5	acres
Developed	Impervious Surface Reduction	100	acres
Developed	Infiltration Practices w/ Sand, Veg. - A/B soils, no underdrain	399.83	acres
Developed	Permeable Pavement w/ Sand, Veg. - A/B soils, no underdrain	3.5	acres
Developed	Storm Drain Cleaning	1377.1	lbs of sediment
Developed	Stormwater Performance Standard-Stormwater Treatment	345.5	acres
Developed	Tree Planting - Canopy	200	acres
Developed	Vegetated Open Channels - A/B soils, no underdrain	98.24	acres
Developed	Wet Ponds and Wetlands	100	acres
Natural	Non Urban Stream Restoration	2000	feet
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Natural	Non Urban Stream Restoration	5280	feet
Natural	Non Urban Stream Restoration	1030	feet
Natural	Urban Stream Restoration	5450	feet
Natural	Wetland Rehabilitation	70	acres