

Clean Water Management Trust Fund

The Clean Water Management Trust Fund (CWMTF) is a non-regulatory, community-based program which provides grants to help protect and restore surface water supplies, meet infrastructure needs of municipalities, protect military installations, increase recreational opportunities, and enhance the quality of life in this state.

Traditionally, the Trust Fund has received application requests averaging almost \$175 million and past funding has allowed the program to make significant strides in the protection and restoration of surface water infrastructure needs that are estimated at 16.6 billion and provided for enhancing our economic viability in the military, agriculture and tourism economies. The Fund has also leveraged more than \$1 billion in federal, private and local matching funds. Because of reduced funding since 2009 the Trust Fund has capped grant funds for projects and limited projects awarded to applicants to stretch the limited state dollars appropriated. The \$6.75 million allocated in the Governor's provides funding to cover recurring costs such as administration and debt service with very little remaining to meet critical needs outlined below.

Critical Needs

Protecting Surface Water Supplies - is crucial to meet the need of a growing population, which is expected to increase by 30% by 2030.

- \$25.9 million requested to help protect surface water supply systems serving 1.9 million.

Enhancing Economic Viability - is imperative to bring new business to the state, and to sustain and enhance the economic opportunities in the state.

- Supporting the **\$28 billion military economy** by acquiring land in close proximity to military bases, training areas, and flight paths to protect the bases from encroachment.
- Supporting the **\$74.3 billion agricultural economy** through the restoration of streams and adjacent lands. These projects would protect not only surface water but also the farmer's ability to continue farming adjacent lands. Significant federal matching funds offered in these applications would be lost if CWMTF is unable to fund them.
- Supporting the **\$17 billion tourism economy** by acquiring land to provide recreational opportunities for improving health and quality of life for our citizens.

Supporting Local Infrastructure Needs - is vital to help struggling communities sustain a healthy economy. North Carolina infrastructure needs are staggering and are estimated at \$16.6 billion between 2005 and 2030 (NC Rural Center, *Water 2030 Report*).

- Supporting **economically distressed communities** by eliminating failing septic systems or discharges to impaired streams and repairing failing WWTPs.