



SWMI Grant Advance Notification

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), Bureau of Resource Protection, will issue a Request for Responses (RFR) for Sustainable Water Management Initiative (SWMI) grants to provide funding for planning assistance, conservation/demand management, and withdrawal impact mitigation projects in local communities.

MassDEP has determined that the focus of these grants will be for:

- 1) Planning projects for specific watersheds or subwatersheds to identify implementation projects to improve ecological conditions;
- 2) Conservation projects aimed to reduce the demand for water within a municipality or a watershed; and
- 3) Withdrawal mitigation projects that address the following: improve or increase instream flow, wastewater projects that keep water local, stormwater management projects that improve recharge, reduce impervious cover and/or improve water quality, water supply operational improvements, habitat improvement, demand management, reduction of wastewater inflow and infiltration, and other projects that can be demonstrated to mitigate the impacts of water withdrawal.

The RFR is anticipated to be issued in September 2013 or sooner. Grant funding is contingent upon appropriation by the Massachusetts legislature.

To learn more about the requirements or to obtain additional information, go to: bit.ly/swmigrant or contact Jessica Cajigas, Sr. Environmental Scientist at 508-281-5160, or email jcajigas@ceiengineers.com, or Rebecca Balke, P.E. at 1-800-725-2550 or rbalke@ceiengineers.com.