Source Water Protection Loan Fund

Program Fact Sheet

Under the 1996 amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), states may designate a portion of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) to protect both surface and underground sources of drinking water as part of a state run Source Water Assessment and Protection Program (SWAPP). Delaware has elected to designate a portion of the DWSRF to assist public water suppliers in acquiring land or conservation easements in an effort to protect drinking water sources.

Criteria for eligibility:

- Site must be located in a delineated Surface Water Protection Area or Wellhead Protection Area.

- Landowner must be a willing seller.

- The size of an individual loan must not exceed 50% of the funds allocated for the fiscal year from which they are requested.

- All conservation easements must be recorded in the deed.

- Land can not be resold for purposes other than protecting drinking water while the drinking water source associated with the land acquisition or easement is still in use.

- All applicants must meet State of Delaware Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Loan Criteria.

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