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Building Capacity for Lake Associations

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You are on the Frontlines, Protecting Clean Water

Where can you go for help?

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CSLAP, WQIP, WIIA, USEPA/NYSDEC grant programs

Who has the time and bandwidth to track down various grant opportunities?

We need to do better.

It's time to establish a one stop shop.

Help is on the Way

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Assemblyman Steve Otis

Senator Pete Harckham

A.2726 / S.1733 (2025)

Creates a program to assist with water quality improvement of water bodies managed by lake associations

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Overview of the Bill

Purpose: "… the department shall, in consultation with the environmental facilities corporation, award surface water planning and management grants to support projects that support the assessment of surface water quality, aid in the selection of activities that will benefit surface water, or protect or restore water quality.

Eligibility: "… qualified lake associations, qualified surface water management organizations, and other eligible entities as determined by the department."

So what's in the bill?

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- Grants from this program could be used for:
  - Drafting, or even preparing to draft, a Watershed Management Plan (WMP) for your lake
  - Conducting research to inform the development of your WMP
  - Implementing any aspect of your WMP, which could include:
    - AIS spread prevention and mitigation,
    - Point/Non-point source pollution reduction measures – could include nitrogen/phosphorus reduction, road salt pollution reduction, and more,
    - Hiring/employing of dedicated staff for WMP implementation,
    - Development of local ordinances to prevent the degradation of water quality – would still require local approvals,
    - Development of educational materials for homeowners/ visitors in the watershed.

OK, Money is good. Anything else?

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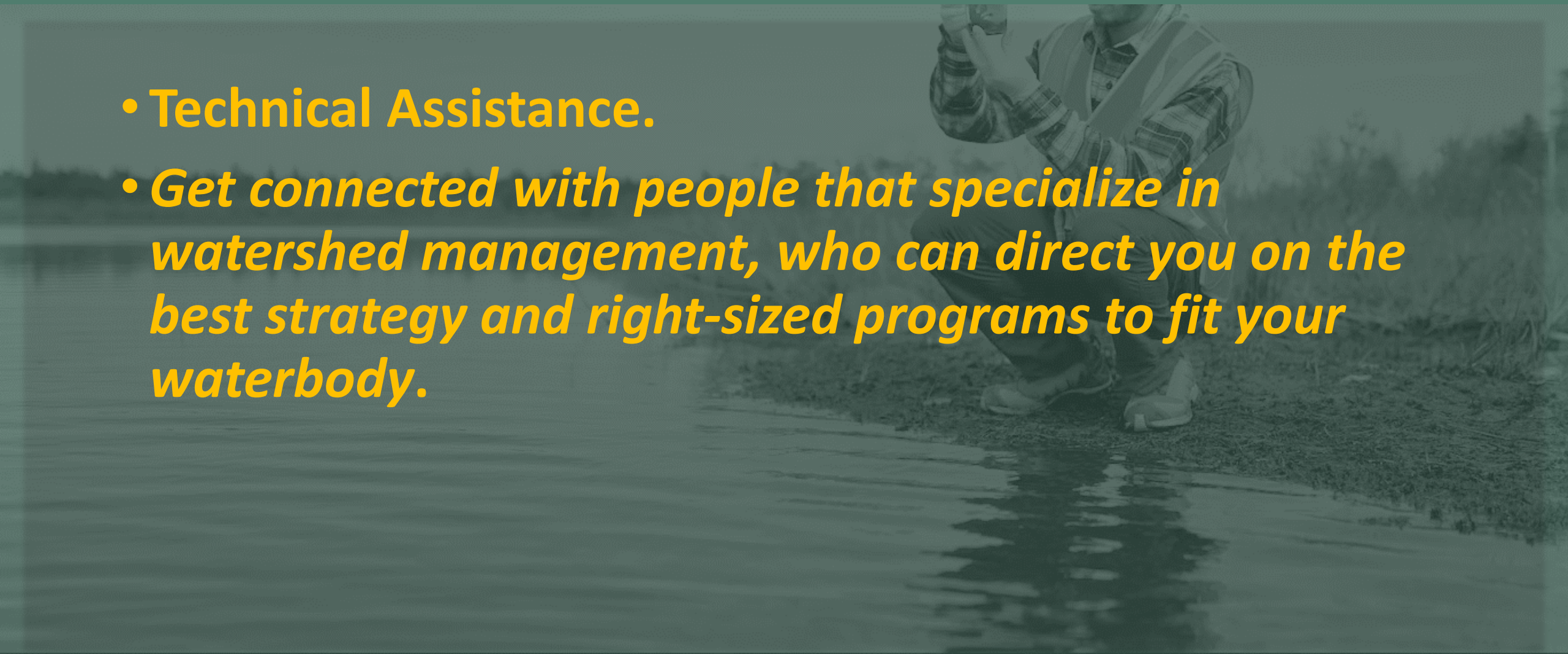

- **Technical Assistance.**
- ***Get connected with people that specialize in watershed management, who can direct you on the best strategy and right-sized programs to fit your waterbody.***

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How much money would be available under this grant program?

- None at the start. This will would require a separate appropriation.

- What does this mean? Your advocacy and engagement will be critical as we put this program together.

Next Steps:

- **Working with Bill Sponsors on Amendments to Legislation.**
- **Goal is to have an updated bill by the end of the summer.**
- **We invite you to join us in advocating for this bill during the fall, winter, spring.**
- **Lake Association Lobby Day, anyone?**

Thank you.

Questions?

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