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The Committee’s 2018 Application for a WQIP grant was successful.

Summary

The Town of North Hempstead and the Manhasset Bay Protection Committee has contracted with Nelson, Pope, and Voorhis (NPV0, selected through a competitive bid process, to produce a new Water Quality Improvement Plan (WQIP) that will detail projects and activities to improve and protect water quality in Manhasset Bay over the next 20 years. This Plan will identify the major pollution issues and sources in Manhasset Bay and the watershed and make general and specific recommendations for projects, management actions, and other steps to be taken to eliminate these pollution sources with an eye to how climate change and habitat loss will further impact these sources. Once complete, the Plan will be used to attract funding to implement suggested projects, producing jobs and cleaner water quality.

Background

The Water Quality Improvement Plan (WQIP) for Manhasset Bay, which was funded through the State Environmental Protection Fund, is 25 years old. Many of the projects identified in that Plan have been accomplished or are outdated. However, a lot has changed: land use of the watershed, habitat loss, new and changed regulations, climate change impacts, and other factors. The watershed communities need action items to move forward, but do not have the financial resources to fully fund the costs of developing a new Plan.

Funding

Funding provided by the New York State Department of State under Title 11 of the Environmental Protection Fund.

Timeline

The estimated project timeline is from February 1, 2020 to January 31, 2025 – we have applied for a two year extension

BUDGET SUMMARY (the Town received a budget amendment in January 2025)

Budget Category	State Funds Requested	Local Match	Total
A. Salaries & Wages	\$0.00	\$8,667.25	\$8,667.25
B. Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
C. Supplies/Materials	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
D. Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
E. Contractual Services	\$125,000.00	\$30,841.00	\$155,841.00
F. Other	\$0.00	\$1,498.75	\$1,498.75
Total	\$125,000.00	\$41,804.65	\$166,804.65

Match includes: \$20,000 cash outlay for the Plan; staff time; and, Committee member representatives volunteering time.

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