

SRWMD Cost Share Projects - Review Team Meeting Opportunity

To Interested Stakeholders

The Suwannee River Water Management District (District) is gearing up to accept new project proposals for the District's 2020 cycle **RIVER** and **SPRINGS** Cost Share Program.

RIVER - ([Regional Initiative Valuing Environmental Resources](#)) local government cost-share program ([project portal](#))

The RIVER local government cost-share program was developed to provide county governments, municipalities, water supply authorities, and other interested units of local government with an opportunity to obtain cost-share funding for projects that enhance or address the District's core mission of managing water supply, water quality, flood protection, and natural systems. Projects that are eligible for cost-share funds are those that:

- conserve our water supply,
- protect springs,
- develop alternative water supplies,
- advance aquifer recharge,
- improve water quality,
- enhance or restore natural systems,
- provide improved flood protection.

SPRINGS - [State Springs Grant Program](#) ([project portal](#))

The District is accepting project proposals for state springs grants. Funds may be used for land acquisition or capital improvement projects that protect the quality and quantity of water that flows from springs

Eligible projects include but are not limited to:

- Agricultural Best Management Practices (BMPs)
- Water Conservation
- Hydrologic Restoration
- Land Acquisition
- Reuse
- Wastewater Collection and treatment
- Stormwater
- Other Water Quality
- Other Water Quantity

This list is not intended to be exhaustive. Eligible projects, however, do not include feasibility studies or other types of analysis, data collection, or environmental review.

All new or previously submitted projects must be resubmitted to the District this funding cycle using our revised projects portal. The portal is currently being updated and further emails will be sent out once it is ready for projects to be added.

In the meantime, **the District is committed to assisting its stakeholders in developing successful projects.**

Therefore, the District is providing several dates for interested cooperators to meet with the District's Project Review Team to discuss their potential projects, develop priorities, review BMAP projects, the NFRWSP Projects and to ask questions prior to actual submittal.

- Meetings are by appointment only and are scheduled for September 26, October 3, 17, 24, 31 and November 7, 14, 21 between 1:00 to 5:00 PM. We are allocating an hour per meeting. Should you need additional time due to multiple projects, please let us know.
- Please call Kelly Wooley at 386-362-1001 or by email at Kelly.Wooley@SRWMD.org to schedule an appointment if interested. Appointments are reserved based on first come first serve basis.

If you would like to submit an application this year, the final project proposals for 2020 SPRINGS grant opportunities should be submitted through the District's online application no later than December 18, 2019. You will receive further emails on when the portal will be ready to accept new project proposals. RIVER applications will be due April 16, 2020.

Any questions regarding the program should be directed to Patrick Webster at 386.362.1001 or 1.800.226.1066 (FL Toll Free) or via email at patrick.webster@srwmd.org. Please visit our website at www.mysuwanneeriver.com for upcoming information.