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Application status for State Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) solicited applications on Feb. 17 from Virginia's local governments and wastewater authorities for federal stimulus funds available through the Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund.

By March 9, localities were requested to submit proposals for the construction and upgrades of wastewater treatment plants. In response, DEQ received 294 applications requesting \$1.3 billion, against which \$76.9 million in stimulus funds are available.

Based upon federal screening criteria all the applications were evaluated and grouped based upon (1) their readiness to proceed to construction status and (2) whether the applicant received "financial hardship" designation. Hardship was defined as communities whose sewer user charges exceeded the reasonable cost per household based on DEQ guidelines using the most recent (2007) estimated medium household income data from the U.S. Census Bureau. DEQ also took into consideration the federal requirement of using at least 20 percent of the stimulus funds for green infrastructure projects. DEQ developed a [draft priority list](#) of 33 projects (at an aggregate cost of \$114.8 million) to present for public review and comment. The agency has stated that an applicant's appearance on the list does not constitute an assurance of funding.

As part of the process for considering the draft list of projects, a public meeting will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15 in the DEQ Conference Room B/C, Second Floor, 629 East Main Street, Richmond, VA 23219. The public comment and review period will end immediately following the public meeting. Comments or questions should be directed to:

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