

Chapter 5 Funding Sources

There are many resources available from federal and state governments and private entities that should be utilized to implement the projects and strategies identified in this report. The Strategy is intended to be used as a means to demonstrate the importance of each site to funders so that monies can be secured to make the concepts listed in the Action Plans a reality. The following table lists potential funding sources related to conservation and restoration. It is important to note that the list is not comprehensive (there are many funding sources that were not captured in the table) and the long term availability of each individual grant is subject to change based on funding.

ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS	FUNDING CYCLES	WEBSITE
ACTrees (Alliance for Community Trees)	Ranges based on project size	ACTrees and grantees work with local groups, sponsors, and other partners to coordinate and execute volunteer tree planting events. ACTrees grants fund the purchase and installation of trees, as well as help grow the capacity of local organizations through acquiring tools, new partners, and visibility.	Organizations with goals to improve common	Annual	http://actrees.org/what-we-do/grants-and-awards/planting-trees/
Buffalo Ornithological Society	Up to \$750	Grant seekers must contribute to ornithological research or advance the education of people about birds in Western New York.	Applicants who will participate in ornithological research	Annual (in March)	http://www.buffaloornithologicalsociety.org/counts-and-research/grants
Charles Stewart Mott Foundation	Up to \$300,000	This program area seeks to advance the conservation and restoration of freshwater ecosystems in North America, with emphasis on the Great Lakes. Funding categories include strengthening the environmental community, design and implementation of water quality policies, and site-based conservation (on an invitation-only basis).	Not specified	Not specified	http://www.mott.org/FundingInterests/programs/Environment
Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo	\$100,000 total	Projects vary greatly, ranging from architectural restoration to the creation of urban farms.	Grants are awarded to nonprofits who serve the eight counties of Western New York	Every other Year	http://www.cfgb.org/for-nonprofits/for-grant-seekers/21st-century-fund-grants/
Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo	Not specified	Preserve and restore the regions natural assets. Improve the public's knowledge of environmental issues. Strengthen individual environmental organizations.	501 (c)3 nonprofits	Continuous	http://www.cfgb.org/for-nonprofits/for-grant-seekers/
Doris Duke Charitable Foundation	Unknown	The mission of the Environment Program is to enable communities to protect and manage wildlife habitat and create efficient built environments. Grants include four areas: land conservation in an era of climate change, wildlife and energy development, strengthening the conservation field, and environmental stewardship in the tri-state area.	Any	Occasional proposals and funding competitions	http://www.ddcf.org/Programs/Environment/
Earthwatch Institute	\$20,000 average per grant	Create opportunities for teams of adults and students (age 15-18) to participate and assist in research and data collection of scientists working on active research projects. Projects should lead to a significant advancement in scientific understanding or make significant contributions to environmental policies or management plans. Topics of interest include people and wildlife, conservation biology, and climate change and species conservation.	Earthwatch supports doctoral and postdoctoral researchers, or researchers with equivalent scholarship or commensurate life experience. Earthwatch welcomes applications from advanced scholars and professionals of any nationality	Annual	http://earthwatch.org/scientific-research/scientist-opportunities/working-with-earthwatch
ESRI	\$100,000 per grant	Fosters innovative approaches that help organizations use GIS, image processing, and remote-sensing technologies to solve natural resources management problems. Grant recipients use their awards to develop projects that increase efficiencies, productivity, and accuracy in the use of radar and optical sensor imagery data for detecting and analyzing land-cover change.	Private companies, educational institutions, NGOs, state and local regional governments, and tribal organizations	Not specified	http://www.esri.com/grants/image-grant-program

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Fields Pond Foundation, Inc.	\$500 - \$25,000	The primary mission of Fields Pond Foundation is to provide financial assistance to nature and land conservation organizations that are community-based and that serve to increase environmental awareness by involving local residents in conservation issues. Project grants for trail making and other enhancement of public access to conservation lands, rivers, coastlines and other natural resources; Land acquisition for conservation; Assistance in establishment of endowments as a means of funding stewardship of newly protected conservation areas; and Directly related education programs and publications as components of a land protection project.	Community-based land conservation organizations	Rolling Basis	http://fieldspond.org/guidelines.htm
Freshwater Future	\$500 - \$5,000	This grant aims to engage communities in preparing and responding to climate change impacts in the Great Lakes region. Funding will be given to projects that: implement an on-the-ground project to reduce climate impacts and have secondary benefits to the community, serve Great Lakes urban areas, and engage underserved neighborhoods/communities.	Nonprofits, Canadian charities, or organizations that have a sponsoring US nonprofit (in addition applicants must be Organizational Members of Freshwater Future)	Annual	http://www.freshwaterfuture.org/grant-programs/climate-grant-program.html
Freshwater Future	\$500 - \$15,000	The goal of the Healing Our Waters grants program is to provide financial support that will aid in the development and implementation of Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and other federal proposals or projects.	Any community based initiative working to restore aquatic habitats, who have received, or will be applying for, funding under the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative RFP or other federal funding sources	Continuous	http://www.freshwaterfuture.org/userfiles/file/2013%20RFP%20HealingOurWaters%20final.pdf
Freshwater Future	\$500 - \$2,500	To build capacity of grassroots organizations, which could include training, board development, membership expansion, fundraising, and strategic planning. Grant funds will be used for Freshwater Future staff time to provide professional assistance to your project or organization, no monetary award will be made to your organization. A 25% match by your organization is required for this program.	Organization Members	Continuous	http://www.freshwaterfuture.org/grant-programs/insight-services-grant-program.html
Freshwater Future	\$500 - \$3,500	Projects to protect aquatic habitats in the following strategic program areas will be considered: protection and restoration of wetlands; on-the-ground restoration activities that include an action component to create permanent change; advocating for low impact solutions to community stormwater issues; participation in land use planning and zoning; participation in watershed planning; watch-dogging and participating in the development, implementation, and enforcement of local, state, provincial, and federal aquatic habitat protection regulations.	Not specified- eligibility quiz on website	Twice Annually	http://www.freshwaterfuture.org/grant-programs/project-grant-program.html
Freshwater Future	Up to \$500	The Special Opportunity Grants Program (Emergency Grants) is for the aquatic habitat protection efforts that may not coincide with the application timeline or grant period for the Projects Grants Program.	Nonprofits, Canadian charities, or organizations that have a sponsoring US nonprofit (in addition applicants must be Organizational Members of Freshwater Future)	Continuous	http://www.freshwaterfuture.org/grant-programs/special-opportunity-grant-program.html
Fund for Wild Nature	\$1,000 - 3,000 per grant	The Fund for Wild Nature provides small grants for North American campaigns to save native species and wild ecosystems, with particular emphasis on actions designed to defend threatened wilderness and biological diversity. Funding areas include advocacy, litigation, public policy work, development of citizen science, and similar endeavors.	501(c)(3) nonprofits (annual budgets must be less than \$250,000)	Twice Annually (May 1st and November 1st)	http://www.fundwildnature.org/proposal-dates-a-guidelines/dates-a-guidelines.html
George Gund Foundation	Up to \$200,000	Within the broad range of environmental issues, the Foundation focuses on promoting alternatives to urban sprawl, decreasing energy consumption and waste, conserving ecosystems and biodiversity, reducing environmental health hazards, increasing public awareness of environmental issues and building the skills of nonprofit environmental leaders.	Federally tax-exempt charitable organizations, government units or agencies, and local education agencies or libraries	Winter-Spring, Summer, and Fall applications	http://gundfoundation.org/how-to-apply/online-grant-application/
Great Lakes Protection Fund	Average \$460,000 per grant	The Great Lakes Protection Fund welcomes proposals for projects that enhance the health of the Great Lakes ecosystem and will return the greatest ecosystem benefits. Specific areas awarded include preventing biological pollution, restoring natural flow regimes, organizing markets to improve the environment, and providing leadership for ecosystem restoration.	Any	Project ideas and pre-proposals are accepted at any time	http://www.glpf.org/working-with-us/general-funding-guidelines

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National Environmental Education Foundation	Up to \$5,000	Grants offered to non-profits (i.e. Friends Groups) whose mission is focused on a public land site in the US and the improvements and responsible use of that sites. The funding serves to strengthen the potential of these groups to serve their public lands through organizational capacity building.	501 (c)3) Nonprofits (must demonstrate a positive, collaborative partnership with a local public land site)	Rolling Basis	http://publiclandseveryday.org/grants/capacity-building-grants
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	\$2.5 million in 2014	This is NFWF's premiere land conservation program, and was established to provide urgently needed funding for projects that conserve large, landscape-level areas that are important habitat for fish, wildlife, and plants through acquisition of interest in real property.	Federal, state, and local governments, educational institutions, and nonprofit organizations	Annual	http://www.nfwf.org/acerforamerica/Pages/2013rfp.aspx
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	1.75 million in 2014	Developing the Next Generation of Conservationists offers grants to connect youth to the outdoors by providing financial support for youth conservation job training programs. Landscape Conservation Stewardship Program offers grants to develop community-based partnerships that further the conservation of fish, wildlife, plants and other natural resources in distinct landscapes.	Federal, state, and local governments, educational institutions, and nonprofit organizations	Annual	http://www.nfwf.org/youth/Pages/home.aspx
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	\$25,000 - \$100,000	This program invests in conservation activities that restore, protect, and enhance native populations of sensitive or listed fish species across the United States, especially in areas on or adjacent to federal agency lands. Because the leading factors in native fish species decline are habitat alteration, lack of adequate instream flows, and invasive and/or non-native species, projects that address these threats, as well as projects that protect coastal and marine habitats, are of particular interest.	Federal, state, and local governments, educational institutions, and nonprofit organizations	Annual	http://www.nfwf.org/bbrn/Pages/home.aspx
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	Not Listed	This program focuses on establishing viable populations of the American Woodcock, Golden-winged Warbler, and some two dozen additional imperiled species that nest in young, regenerating forests. Cost-effective, ecologically sound habitat creation and enhancement in key bird conservation regions is the primary goal of this program. Conservation planning for these species is also a priority.	Federal, state, and local governments, educational institutions, and nonprofit organizations	Twice Annually	http://www.nfwf.org/Pages/whatwedo/business-plan-application.aspx
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	\$20,000 - \$50,000 per grant	Five Star Project: On the ground restoration that includes wetland, riparian, in stream or coastal habitats. Projects must have a measurable ecological, educational and community benefits. Include partnerships, and have the ability to educate and train the community and/or school curricula. Urban Waters Project: Improve water quality, increase access, and restore riparian and forest habitat in urban watersheds. Must include a 1:1 match of non-federal funds. Projects should use invasive species removal, forested habitat restoration and forest connectivity. Use of stormwater management methods is encouraged, along with a monitoring program. Should also provide education to the community about restoration activities.	Any entity that can receive grants	Annual	http://www.nfwf.org/fiveststar/Pages/home.aspx
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	\$15,000- \$75,000 per grant	This grant provides modest funds to help local communities effectively manage invasive plant species. The funds are intended to help support the creation of local Cooperative Weed Management Area partnerships. Such partnerships should bring together local landowners, citizen groups, and weed experts to develop and implement strategies for managing weed infestations on public lands, natural areas, and private working lands.	Federal, state, and local governments, educational institutions, and nonprofit organizations	Annual	http://www.nfwf.org/pti/Pages/home.aspx
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation & Wells Fargo	\$25,000 - \$100,000 per grant	This grant program funds projects related to sustainable agriculture and forestry, conservation of land and water resources, energy efficient and urban infrastructure, and community outreach and environmental educations. Preference will be given to projects that include volunteerism or support low-to-moderate income communities.	501(c)(3) Non-profit organizations, as well as qualified tribal and government agencies, including public school systems	Annual	https://www.wellsfargo.com/downloads/pdf/about/csr/reports/environmental-guidelines.pdf
Niagara Area Foundation	\$55,000 in 2013	Grants will be considered for the following categories: health, human services, arts, civic needs, community development, education, environment. Preference will be given to grant applications that have the greatest impact on positive youth development and demonstrate collaboration with other organizations.	501(c)(3) Non-profit organizations	Annual	http://www.cfgb.org/for-nonprofits/for-grant-seekers/niagara-area-foundation-grants/
Niagara River Greenway Commission	Not Specified	Support the creation, improvement, and maintenance of conservation areas and ecological projects within the Niagara River Basin. Priority given to projects within the Niagara River Greenway Focus area.	Nonprofits, cities, towns, villages, counties, or Indian Nations located in the area defined by the Greenway Plan, and public benefit corporations under the laws of New York State	5 dates for submission each year	http://growwny.org/funding-training-opportunities/2195-greenway-ecological-fund-2013-application-schedule

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North American Native Fishes Association	Up to \$1,000 (Possible Multiple Awards)	Conservation Research Grant, focusing on supporting research relating to the conservation of North America's indigenous fish fauna, particularly those that are threatened or endangered.	Academia, Conservation Groups, Independent Researchers	Annual	http://www.nanfa.org/research.shtml
Royal Bank of Canada	\$1,000-\$100,000	Projects will focus on supporting initiatives that help protect and preserve water in towns cities, and urbanized areas with populations of more than 10,000 people. Project areas include: Improved control and management of urban storm or rain water, Efficient and innovative use of water in towns and cities, Protection and restoration of urban waterways, and Improved urban water quality.	501 (c)3 nonprofits	Twice Annually	http://www.rbc.com/community-sustainability/apply-for-funding/guidelines-and-eligibility/blue-water-project.html
The Hagen Family Foundation	Not specified	The Hagen Family Foundation provides financial grants to not-for-profit organizations in the areas of the arts, education, environment, religion, and social services.	Nonprofits	Annual	http://www.hagenfamilyfoundation.org/
Wells Fargo	\$50,000 - \$200,000 per grant	This grant program funds clean technology programs along with research and development projects involving universities and colleges. Project areas include water quality and resources and sustainable agriculture.	501(c)(3) Non-profit organizations, as well as qualified tribal and government agencies, including public school systems	Annual (from June to August)	https://www.wellsfargo.com/downloads/pdf/about/csr/reports/environmental-guidelines.pdf
USDA NRCS Environmental Quality and Incentives Program (EQIP)	Not to Exceed \$450,000	Financial and technical assistance to address agriculture-related natural resource concerns.	Financial and technical assistance to address agriculture-related natural resource concerns.	Continuous	http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/eqip/
NOAA Marine Debris Removal Project Grants	Range from \$50-\$150k	Grassroots marine debris prevention and removal project that benefit coastal habitats.	Tribal organizations, private higher education, non-profits, county governments, city or towns, state governments, etc.	Fall 2015	http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=265368
USFWS		Long-term protection, restoration, and/or enhancement of wetlands and associated upland habitats for wetlands-associated migratory birds.		November 2015	http://www.fws.gov/birdhabitat/Grants/NAWCA/index.shtml