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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, utilizing a competitive bid process, contracted with Nelson, Pope, Voorhis, LLC to produce a new Water Quality Improvement Plan (WQIP) (also called a Watershed Management Plan) 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. NPV has subcontracted with Bay Environmental for some of the tasks of the project.

Background

The Water Quality Improvement Plan (WQIP) for Manhasset Bay, which was funded through the State Environmental Protection Fund, is 20 years old. Many of the projects identified in that Plan have been accomplished. 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; however it is likely that this will need to be extended.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget Category	State Funds Requested	Local Match	Total
A. Salaries & Wages	\$0.00	\$7,108.65	\$7,108.65
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	\$3,855.00	\$3,855.00
Total	\$125,000.00	\$41,804.65	\$166,804.65

Match includes: \$20,000 cash outlay for the Plan. Committee member representatives volunteering time either through the regular tasks already taken on and/or by joining a sub-Committee to participate in the competitive bid process.