

Engineers Roundtable: Navigating the Funding Frontiers

April 4, 2024 | 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM EDT

Presented by: Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center

Timed Agenda:

9:30 - 10:00	Registration and Coffee
10:00 - 10:15	Welcome and Introduction <i>Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center</i>
10:15 - 11:00	An Insider's Perspective to Developing a Preliminary Engineering Report <i>Jessica DiDomineck, USDA; William Grady, DOH; Liz Ricci, NYS EFC</i> Goal: Delve into vital aspects of Preliminary Engineering Reports (PER), with a focus on standards for drinking water and sewer. Elaborate on agency-specific methodologies for conducting PERs.
11:00 - 12:00	The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and State Environmental Quality (SEQR) Reviews- Are You Doing Them Right? <i>Charlie Phillion, CDBG; John Helgren, USDA; Lauren Townley, DEC; Liz Ricci, NYS EFC</i> Goal: Give an overview of NEPA and SEQR then discuss similarities and differences between the programs.
12:00 - 12:45	Lunch <i>Provided by the Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center</i>

12:45 - 1:45	The Funders Tips: Do's and Don'ts for Funding Applications <i>Brenda Smith (lead facilitator), USDA; Panel with other agency representatives</i> Goal: To discuss major mistakes and pitfalls in the application process.
1:45 - 3:00	Funding Efficiency: Applying for Multiple Grants and Loans to Support Projects <i>Panel with all agency representatives</i> Goal: Detail how agency funding affects one another. Discussion will also show how projects are chosen and how agencies can come together to co-fund projects.
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