

## *About the New England Environmental Finance Center*

The New England Environmental Finance Center (NEEFC) is a university-based research, education, and public service program aimed at helping EPA's constituencies find financially successful approaches to environmental improvements. NEEFC is housed within the Muskie School of the University of Southern Maine in Portland, and is part of a network of nine EPA-supported centers distributed throughout the country that focus on environmental financing issues.



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To find out more about NEEFC, visit our website at <http://efc.muskie.usm.maine.edu>. The site includes a listing of projects we are working on and publications we have completed. It also includes a map that will allow you to access the websites of the eight other EFCs in the network.

### *On-Line Information on Funding Sources*

Whether it's looking for funds to better manage a particular beach, or to deal more globally with improving water quality in a watershed, a variety of federal, state, local, private and corporate resources are available that potentially can provide support. While seeking and securing grants is hard work, the job has been made easier by internet sites that compile information on funding programs. Listed below are several helpful sites.

- **Directory of Watershed Resources.** Go to NEEFC website (<http://efc.muskie.usm.maine.edu>), and then click on "Tools" page, or go directly to server at <http://efc.boisestate.edu>. This Directory is a searchable database of resources available to assist with a variety of environmental projects. It includes information on federal, state, private, and other funding sources and assistance. Users can search for programs through a targeted search, keyword search or through an index of federal, state and private sources. The Directory has recently been updated to include funding programs that focus on the six New England States.
- **Catalog of Federal Funding Sources for Watershed Protection.** <http://cfpub.epa.gov/fedfund>. An excellent searchable database of federal funding programs, maintained by EPA.
- **Funding Sources for Water Quality.** <http://www.nal.usda.gov/wqic/funding.html>. A listing of funding resources, mostly at the federal level, with links to primary websites.
- **Water Quality Funding.** [http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/topics/water\\_quality\\_funding.htm](http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/topics/water_quality_funding.htm). A listing of funding resources from EPA's Smart Growth site.

### *Other Tools/Resources Available on NEEFC Website*

- **Plan2Fund.** A watershed planning tool, developed by EFC Region 10, that walks users through estimating costs of their watershed plans, goals and objectives, assessing any local match, and determining funds needed to meet the goals and objectives of the plan. The results of Plan2Fund can be used to search for resource using the Directory of Watershed Resources. (*Located under "Tools" section.*)
- **On-line Course in Conservation Finance.** This 10-lesson course, developed by the Trust for Public Lands, is designed to provide a comprehensive overview on the wide range of approaches that are used to pay for land conservation in the United States. (*Located under "Tools" section.*)
- **Stormwater Utility Fees: Considerations and Options.** This report provides background on stormwater utilities, case studies and guidance on the pros and cons of different approaches. (*Located Under "Publications" section.*)