



# Environmental Facilities Corporation



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# EFC Overview

- Public benefit corporation which provides financial and technical assistance primarily to municipalities by providing low-cost financing for their water quality infrastructure projects
- EFC administers a number of programs including New York's State Revolving Funds
- These programs have provided over \$34 billion in low-cost financing and grants for approximately 3,000 water and sewer infrastructure projects across New York State



# Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP)

- GIGP grants are awarded on a competitive basis to projects that improve water quality and mitigate climate change through green stormwater infrastructure, energy efficiency and/or water efficiency
- The GIGP helps EFC meet the CSWRF Green Project Reserve (GPR) requirements and aids in the implementation of the NYS DEC Nonpoint Source Management Program, which was developed in accordance with Section 319 of the Federal Clean Water Act

**Since  
2009**

**\$130  
Million**  
disbursed to  
over 230 GIGP  
projects



# Program Priorities:

- **Climate Change Mitigation**

- Reducing the effects of greenhouse gases and/or expand clean energy initiatives

- **Environmental Justice**

- Advance fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income, with respect to development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations and policies.

- **Integration**

- Integrating green stormwater into traditional gray clean water infrastructure projects

- **Natural Restoration**

- Riparian buffers, streams, and wetlands

- **Transformation**

- Utilize green practices to provide multiple environmental, economic and social benefits
- These projects align with larger goals of the community or region



# Green Stormwater Infrastructure

Eligible costs are limited to planning, design and building of capital water quality projects through one of the following eight specific green infrastructure practices:

- Bioretention
- Establishment or Restoration of Floodplains, Riparian Buffers, Streams, or Wetlands
- Downspout Disconnection
- Green Roofs and Green Walls
- Porous Pavements
- Stormwater Harvesting & Reuse
- Stormwater Street Trees/ Urban Forestry
- Stream Daylighting





## Green Innovation Grant Program

**Project Title:** Canal Square Park

**Grant Recipient:** City of Cohoes

**Total Project Amount:** \$1,540,800

**EFC Grant Amount:** \$415,000

**GIGP Round:** 2017

### Project Description:

The City of Cohoes used GIGP funds to install bioretention, porous pavement and a rainwater harvest and reuse system as part of a larger project to revitalize Canal Square Park.

These green infrastructure practices filter and reduce stormwater from entering the City's combined sewer system.

The new Canal Square Park is used for community events in an environmental justice area, including a free concert series during the summer.



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