

# Clean Water State Revolving Fund/A Flexible Tool for Advancing Clean Water: Environmental Council of the States Report



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The Environmental Council of the States (“ECOS”) issued what it describes as a “Green Report” titled: *Clean Water State Revolving Fund – A Flexible Tool for Advancing Clean Water (“Report”)*

The *Report* is authored by Layne Piper and Megan Swanson of the ECOS staff.

The *Report* is stated to “build on” a 2016 ECOS report titled “Innovations in the Clean Water SRF Grant Project.” It highlights additional innovative projects funded by the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (“CWSRF”).

A particular focus includes those projects that:

- benefit disadvantages communities;
- build recipient capacity; or
- address resilience challenges.

As the *Report* notes, the CWSRF is a federal-state-local partnership providing funding for water quality infrastructure projects. The *Report* notes that this program can fund:

. . . traditional wastewater treatment projects as well as a suite of nontraditional ones, including watershed protection, estuary management, green infrastructure, and nonpoint source projects.

The *Report* includes 12 case studies that are stated to demonstrate “the flexible nature of the CWSRF program that enables states to address their unique water infrastructure needs in communities of all sizes.”

The cases studies are from the following states:

- Arizona
- Colorado
- Florida
- Idaho
- Iowa
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Minnesota

- Missouri
- Nebraska
- Ohio
- Pennsylvania

The Missouri case study addresses the Upper White River Basin Watershed Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Remediation Project. The case study notes project components such as:

- Replacing failing septic systems
- Empowering residents through remediation financing
- Funding mechanism

ECOS describes itself as the national nonprofit, nonpartisan association of state and territorial agency leaders.

Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality Director Becky Keogh is the President of the organization.

A copy of the *Report* can be found [here](#).