**Section 367.220 Assistance Eligibility Criteria**

a) Any inland lake owner who meets the following criteria is eligible to apply for a Phase I, Phase II or LQMP assistance award:

1) The lake owner has the legal authority to enter into contracts or agreements with local, State and federal agencies and private organizations for the purpose of performing Phase I, Phase II or LQMP projects;

2) The lake owner has the authority and ability to adopt, implement and enforce official controls; and

3) The lake owner has the authority and ability to generate revenue and in-kind contributions, and agrees to pay the local share of project costs.

b) Assistance may be requested for any Illinois inland lake as defined in Section 3(e) of the Illinois Lake Management Act that meets the following requirements:

1) Either:

A) the lake has an identifiable and quantifiable chemical, physical or biological problem resulting in the impairment of beneficial uses; or

B) the lake is in need of protection or is potentially being threatened by any point or nonpoint source of pollution; and

2) the primary uses of the lake include general recreation, public water supply, aquatic life, or primary contact.

c) The following lakes will generally not be considered eligible for Phase I, Phase II or LQMP assistance:

1) lakes whose primary function is as stormwater detention basins;

2) side-channel impoundments that are mechanically filled with water, and cannot be naturally recharged by surface water runoff or groundwater inflow;

3) lakes that have a surface acreage of less than six acres;

4) ponds owned and managed by private landowners; and

5) river backwater lakes.