



## Healthy Lakes & Rivers Partnership Program Outline

A County or Watershed organization recruits up to eight lake/river groups to apply to participate in HLRP program. Each participating lake or river association is expected to send 5-8 persons to each of the two training sessions in Step #1 (below).

The Initiative Foundation selects two Watershed or County organizations to participate in HLRP annually. Applications are due by April 30, and selections are typically made in May or June, and training offered after July 1st.

1. Participants representing each lake/river group attend two days of leadership training on:

- Enhancing communication and effective small group process skills;
- Summarizing historic and existing conditions of their water body;
- Developing a strategic Lake Management Plan.

In addition, at the second session they will meet technical resource experts and learn of other sources of assistance and funding.

2. Each group hosts an inclusive community-wide facilitated planning session to identify the concerns, opportunities, assets, priorities, and projects that citizens will work on.

3. Results of the visioning session are combined with a summary of historic and existing conditions, as well as realistic goals and action plans to form a Lake or River segment Management Plan.

4. As the associations complete implementation of high priority action items they become official “graduates” of the program.

5. Implementation activities which treat “causes, not symptoms” may be eligible for additional grants of up to \$5,000.

### **HLRP Milestone grants:**

Each lake/river group receives performance-based grants upon the completion of the major milestones:

1. 5-8 citizens from each group attend training: \$400
2. Each group hosts facilitated visioning session: \$400
3. Draft Lake Management Plan completed: \$800
4. Highest priority action step implemented: \$800

**Total Base Grants: \$2,400**

**Maximum total grant per Lake/River Group: \$7,400**

Training is offered within the host communities, and typically involves two Friday nights or Saturdays. Visioning is recommended within 2-3 months. Most organizations complete the program within 18 months to two years. For more information visit: [www.ifound.org](http://www.ifound.org), and click on Natural Resources.