



## DIRECTORY

### UTILIZE THE DIRECTORY BELOW TO DETERMINE ELIGIBLE FUNDING SOURCES FOR YOUR PROJECT

Grants to assist with citizen monitoring efforts for water quality monitoring and/or community-based education projects	<b>Citizen Monitoring Grant (CMG)</b>
Funds can be used by localities for implementing statewide & regional litter prevention & recycling educational pilot projects	<b>Litter Prevention &amp; Recycling Grants (LPRG)</b>
Government & environmental conservation partners may apply for land conservation, habitat restoration, & habitat restoration planning projects within Virginia's Coastal Zone	<b>NOAA Climate Ready Coasts Grants (NCRG)</b>
Funding for non-Chesapeake Bay roundtable support & non-point source (NPS) implementation projects with approved implementation plan areas	<b>Section 319(b) Nonpoint Source Grants (NPS)</b>
Eligible Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund (VCWRLF) project types: Agricultural best management practices	<b>RLF-Ag BMP</b>
Eligible Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund (VCWRLF) project types: Remediation of contaminated brownfield properties	<b>RLF-BF</b>
Eligible Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund (VCWRLF) project types: Land conservation	<b>RLF-LC</b>
Eligible Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund (VCWRLF) project types: Living Shorelines	<b>RLF-LS</b>
Eligible Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund (VCWRLF) project types: Publicly owned stormwater best management practices	<b>RLF-SBMP</b>
Eligible Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund (VCWRLF) project types: Publicly owned wastewater collection and treatment facilities	<b>RLF-WW</b>
Local governments for planning, design & implementation of stormwater best management practices	<b>Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF)</b>
To reimburse and assist with reasonable & necessary costs to clean up petroleum releases from eligible storage tanks	<b>Storage Tank Fund (STF)</b>
Funds can be used by localities for implementing statewide & regional litter prevention & recycling educational pilot projects	<b>Virginia Brownfield Assistance Fund Grants (VBAF)</b>
Funding design & installation of nutrient reduction technology & wastewater conveyance infrastructure at publicly owned wastewater treatment plants in Chesapeake Bay watershed	<b>Water Quality Improvement Fund (WQIF)</b>
Reimburse waste tire end users of Virginia-generated waste tire material, who capture, process and/or beneficially use waste tires	<b>Waste Tire End User Reimbursement (WTEUR)</b>

This document helps potential applicants understand how the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) decides whether their projects are eligible for funding through DEQ loans or grants. It provides a step-by-step guide, showing users which decisions to make to figure out which funding mechanisms their projects may qualify for. While this document covers most situations, some projects may require direct coordination with DEQ.

**DISCLAIMER:** This document is intended to be a reference for DEQ loan applicants. Applicants are encouraged to reach out to DEQ staff directly with any questions. Reliance on this document does not absolve any individual or entity from the responsibility to comply with State, Local, or Federal laws or regulations.

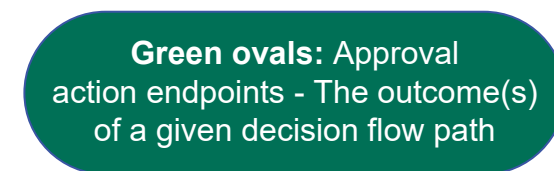
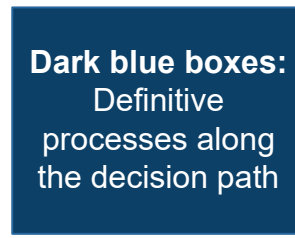
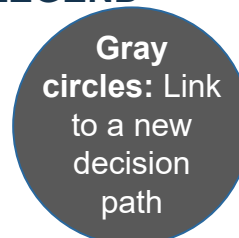
Acronyms & terms used in this document

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Permitting Ombudsmen are available for permitting- and project-related questions


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#### LEGEND



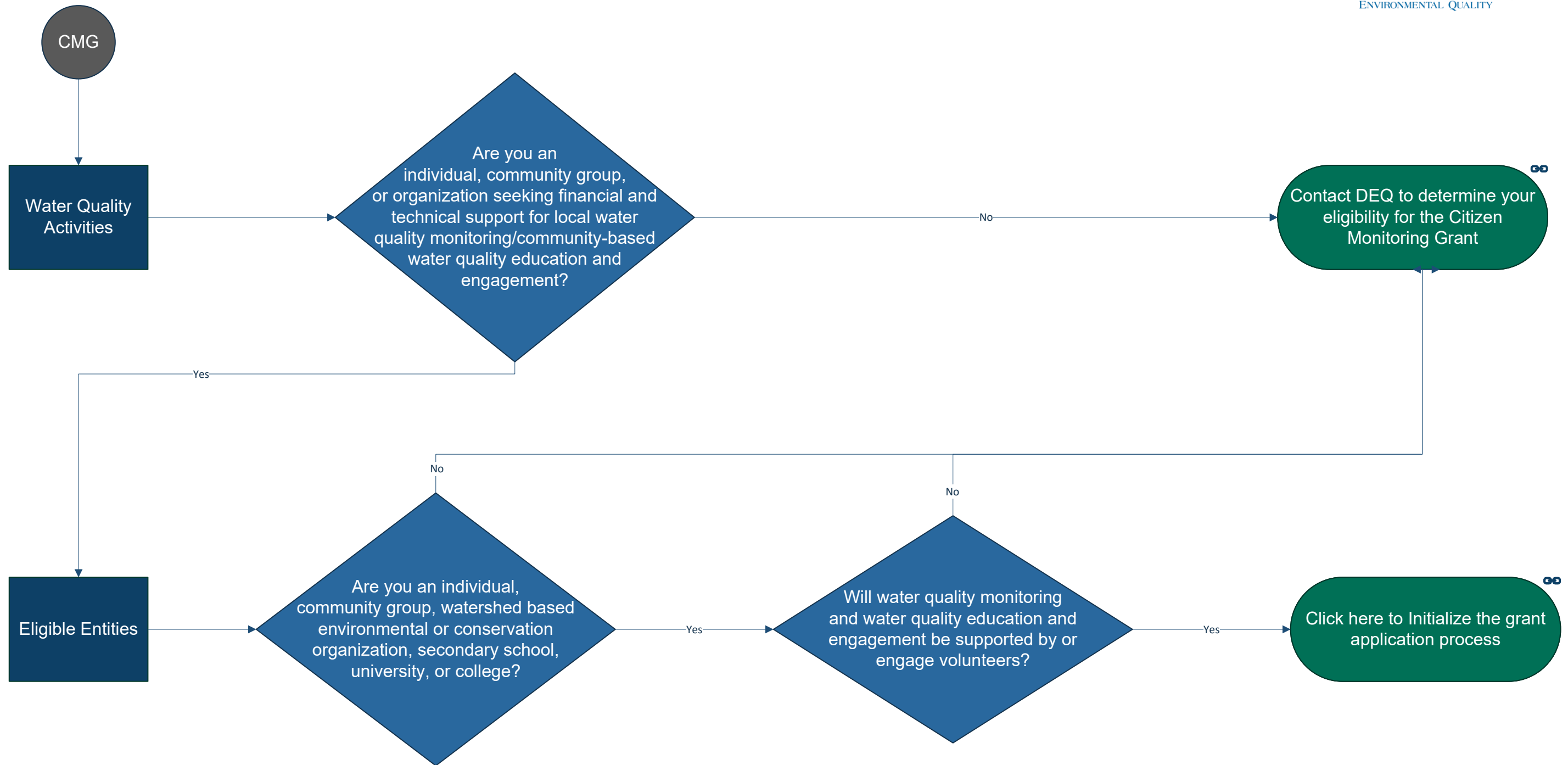
Denotes links to supporting information

# Citizen Monitoring Grant

Applications are open late summer (typically July 1st) through August 31st. Project activities are to occur the following calendar year (January 1st through December 31st). Please send inquiries to [citizenwater@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:citizenwater@deq.virginia.gov). For more information please visit the Citizen Monitoring Grant webpage. 

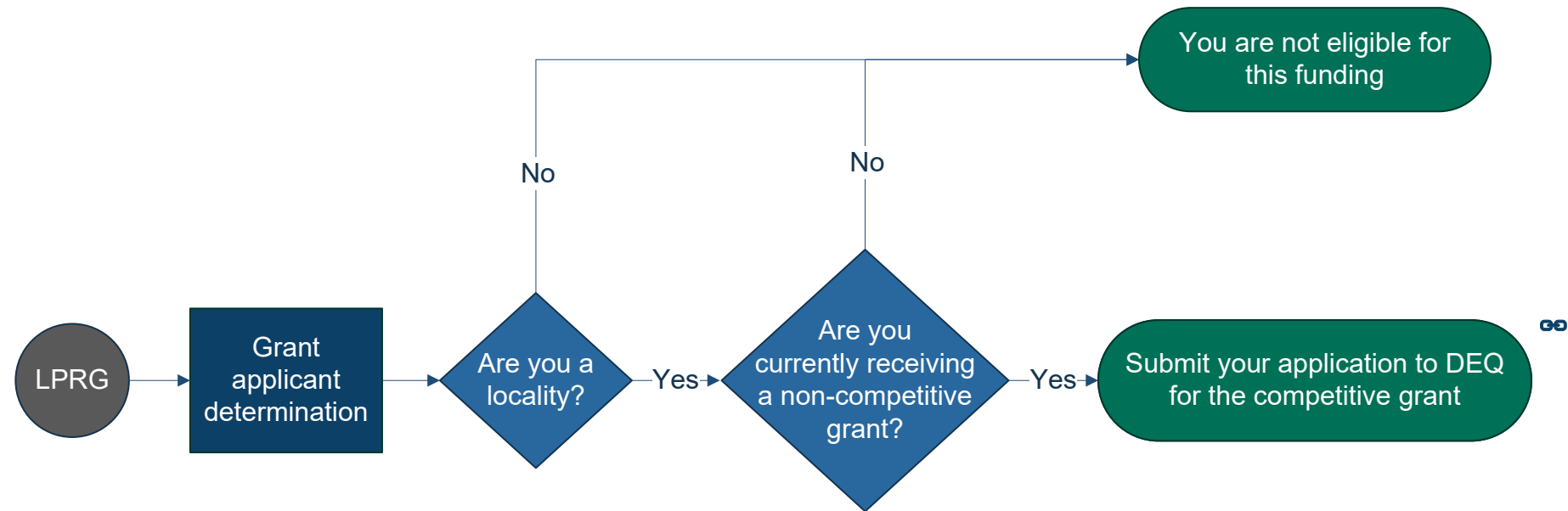


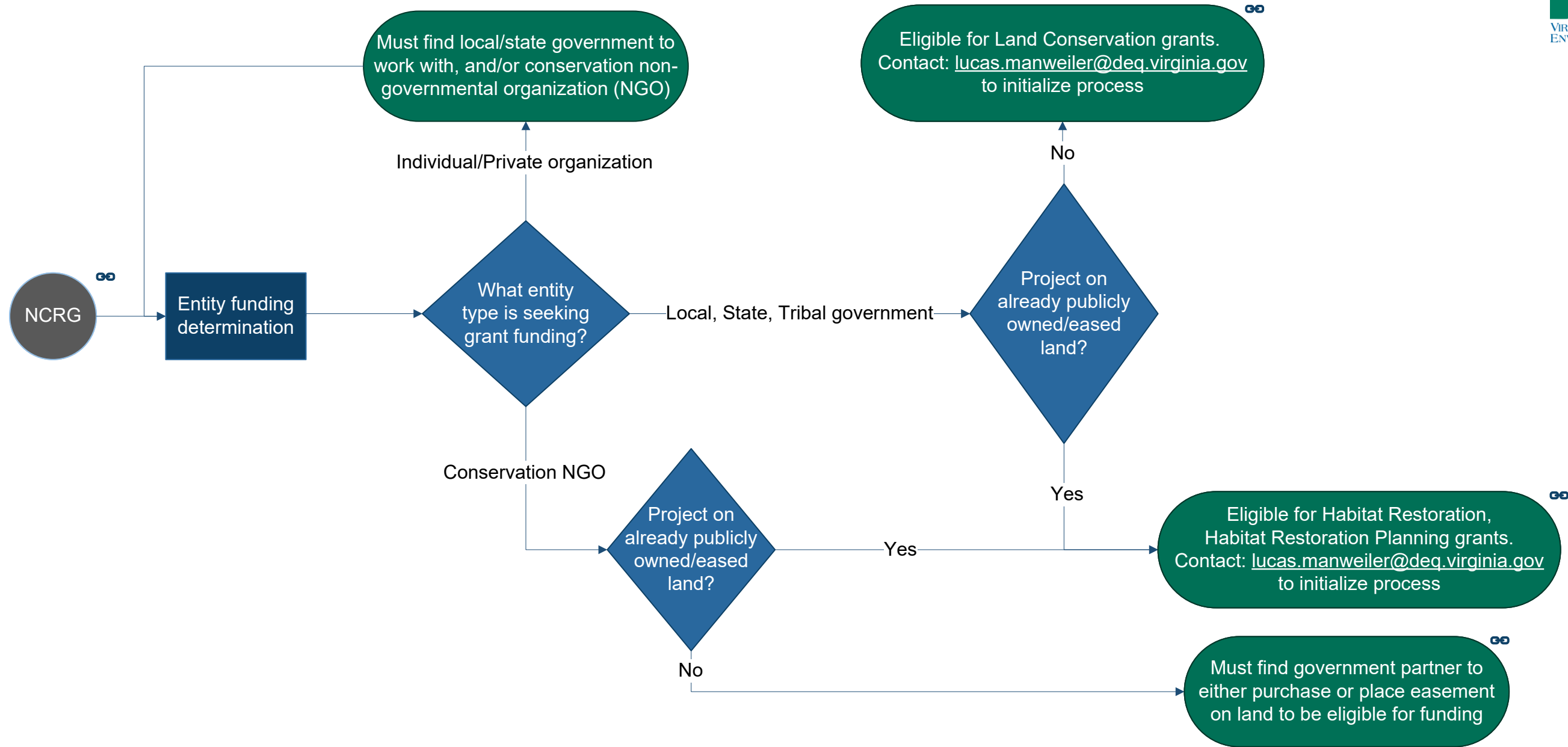
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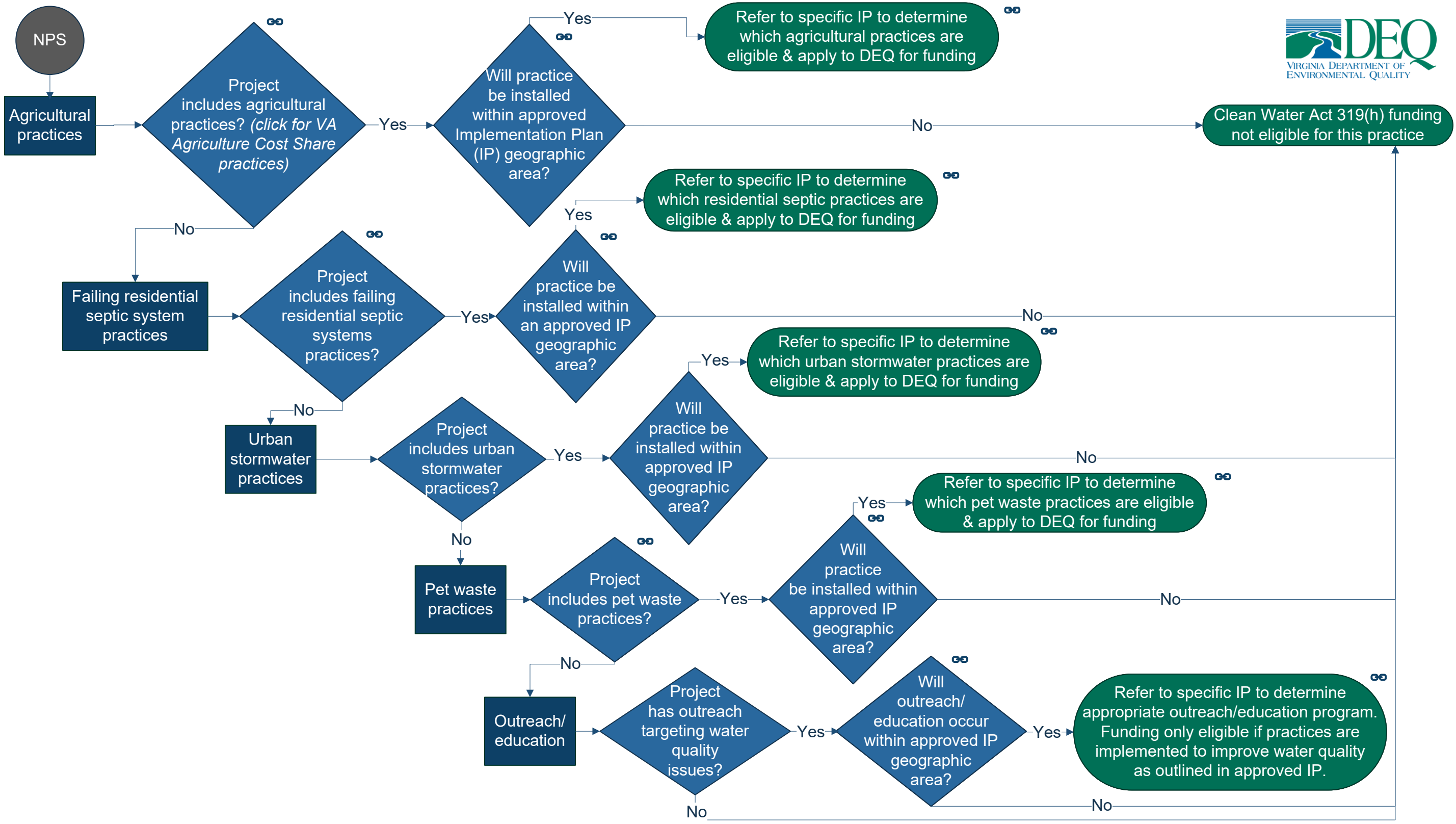




# Clean Water Act Section 319(b) Nonpoint Source Pollution Grants



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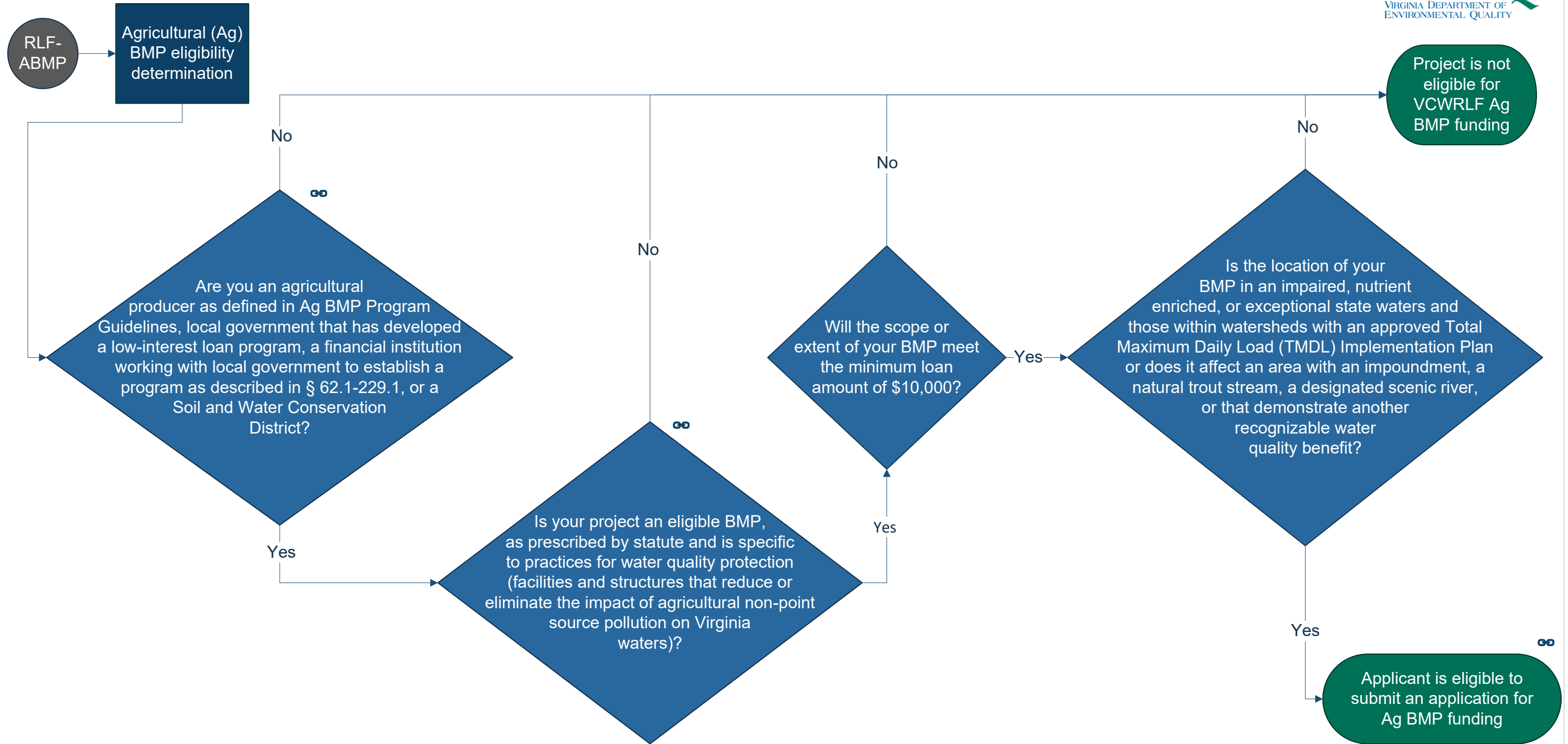


# Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund - Agricultural Best Management Practices (Ag BMP)


Applications are rolling and reviewed on a monthly basis. Please send inquiries to [cwfap@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:cwfap@deq.virginia.gov). For more information please visit the VCWRLF webpage. 



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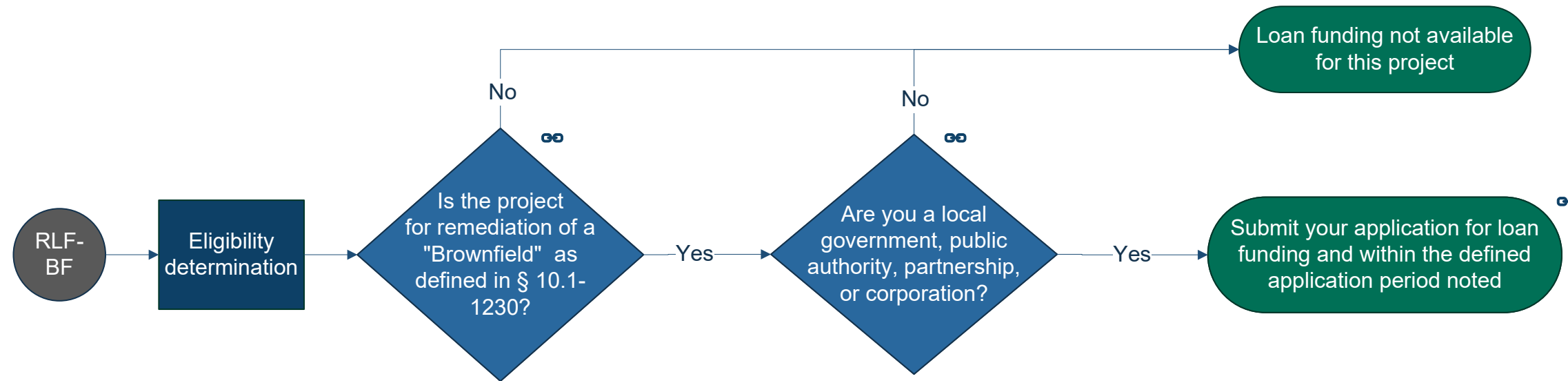


# Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund - Remediation of Contaminated Brownfield Properties


Loans are contingent upon funding availability. Funding for publicly owned wastewater collection and treatment facilities is prioritized before other VCWRLF project types. Please send inquiries to [cwfap@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:cwfap@deq.virginia.gov). Application period is June through July annually. For more information please visit the VCWRLF webpage. 



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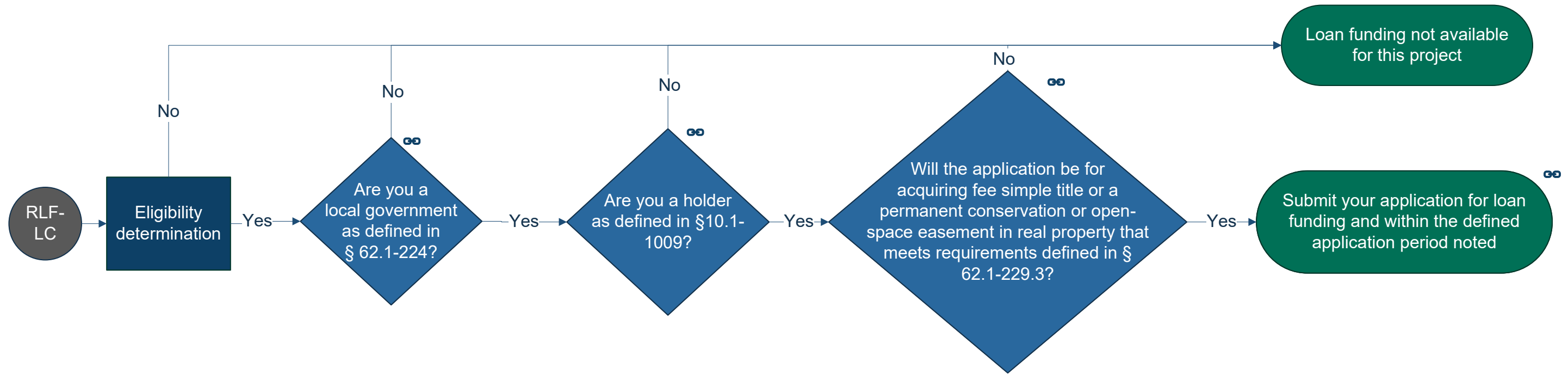


# Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund - Land Conservation


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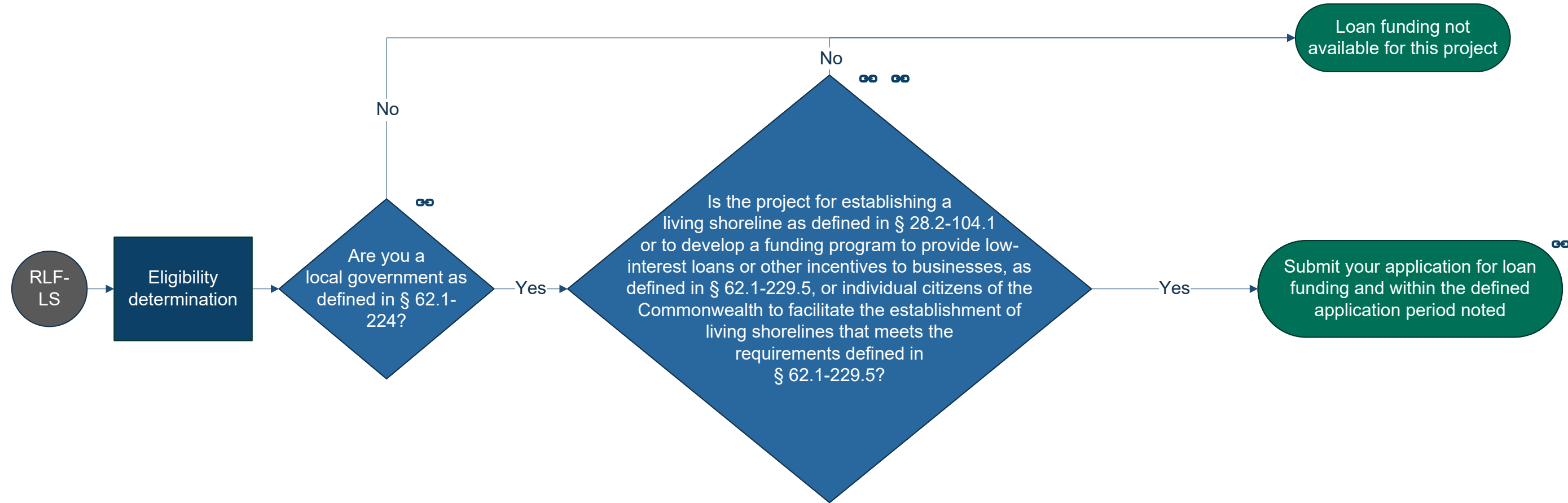


# Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund - Living Shorelines

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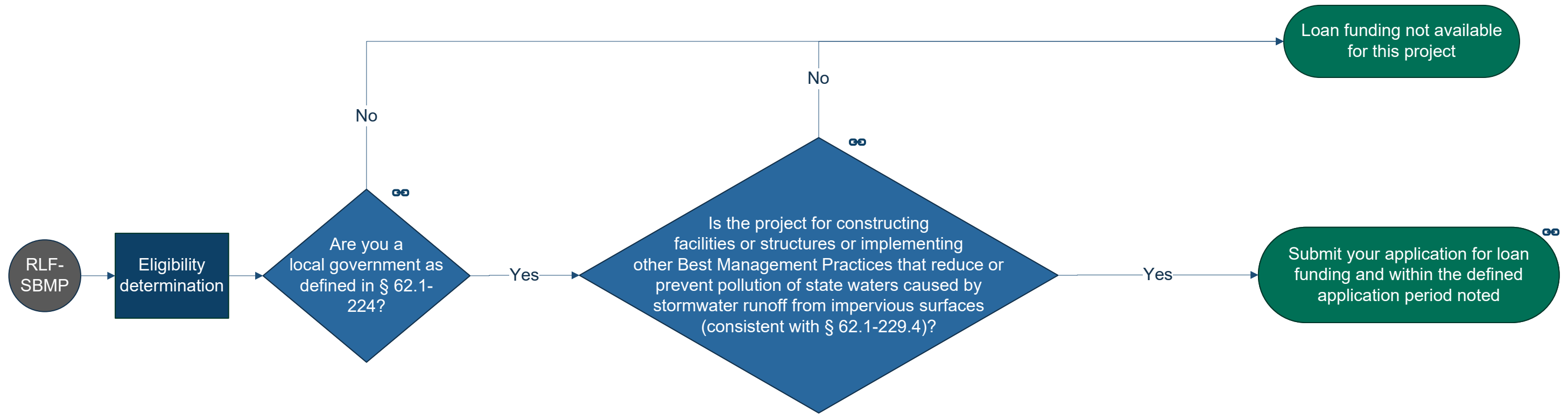


# Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund - Publicly Owned Stormwater Best Management Practices

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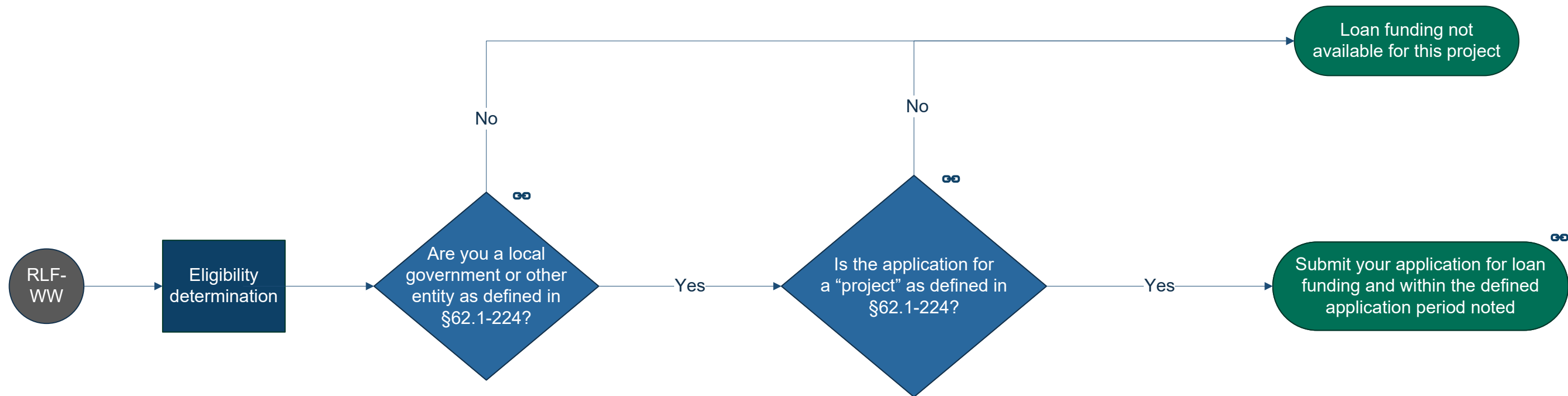


# Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund - Publicly Owned Wastewater Treatment Facilities

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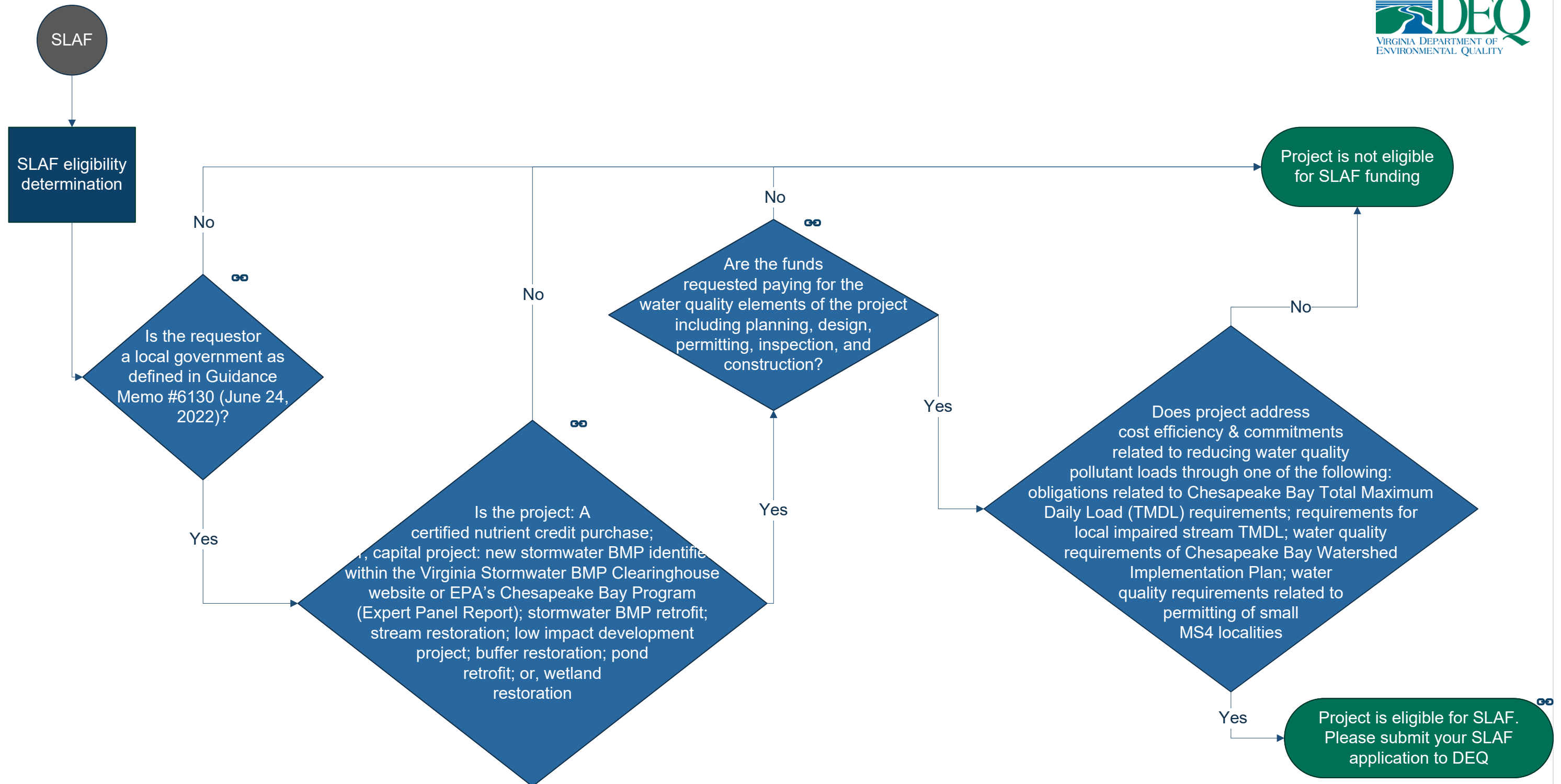


# Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF)

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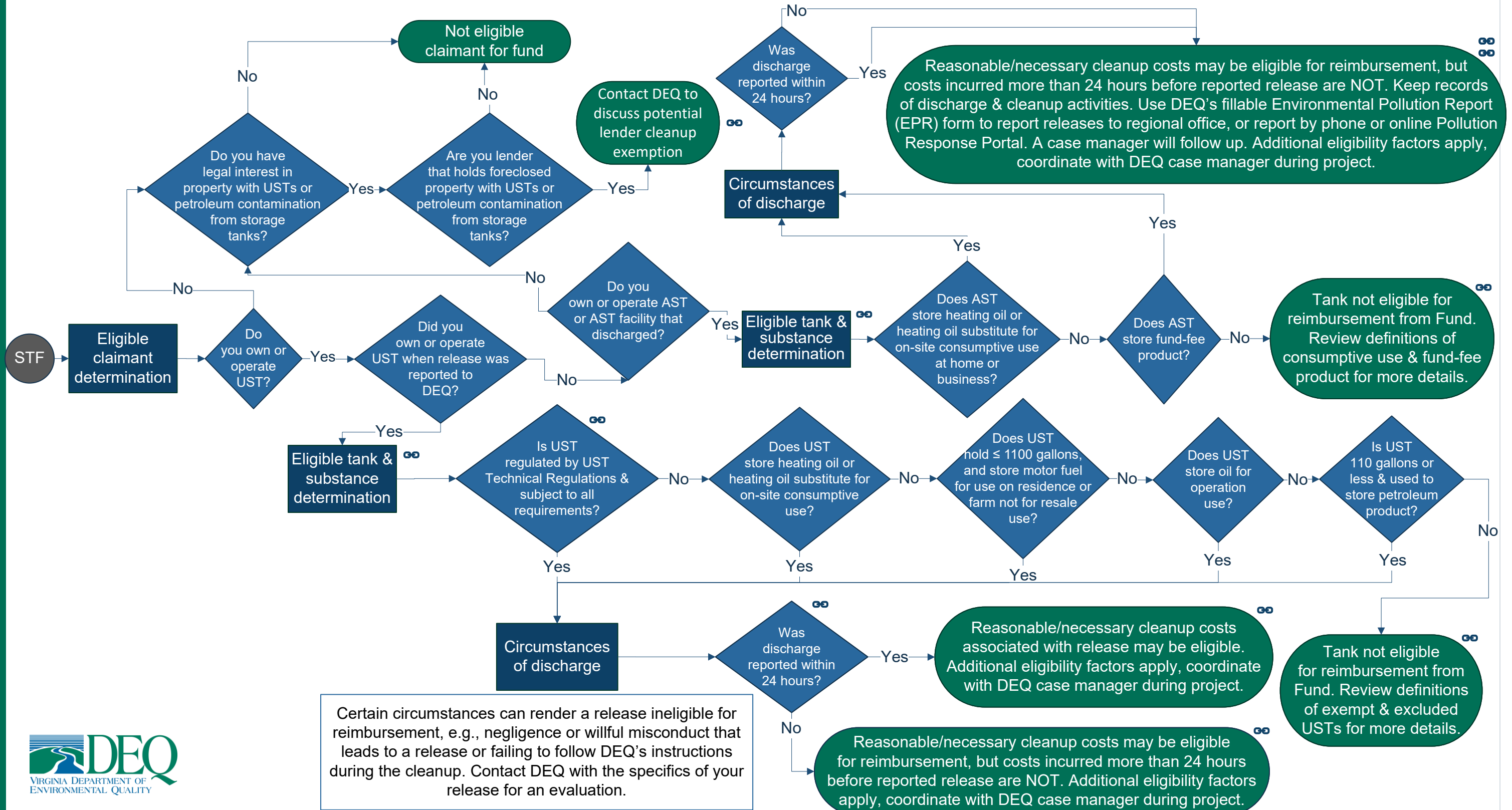
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# Virginia Petroleum Storage Tank Fund

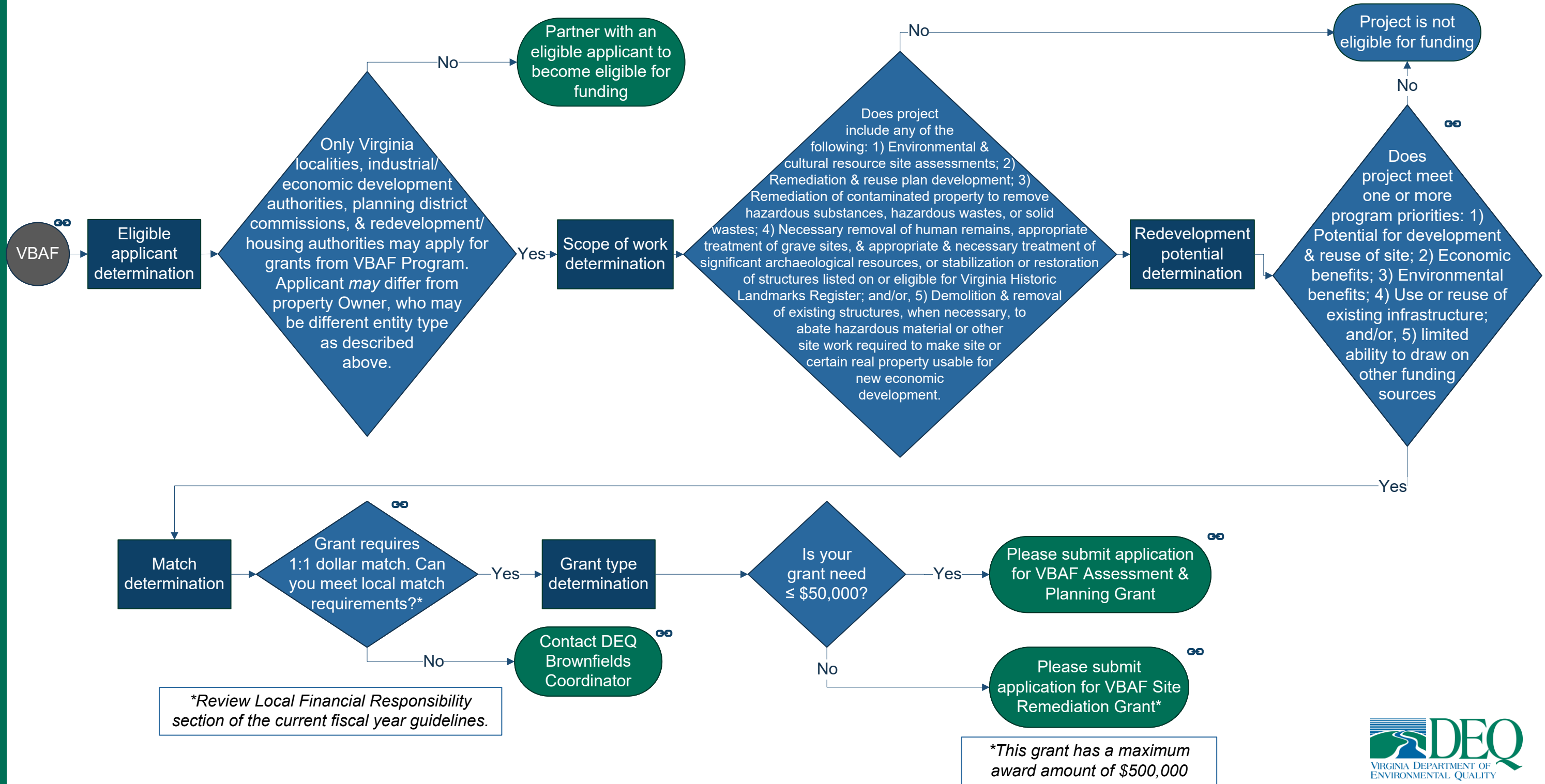
The **Virginia Petroleum Storage Tank Fund** (Fund) is used to reimburse responsible parties for authorized corrective actions to clean up releases of petroleum from underground and aboveground storage tanks (USTs and ASTs). Eligible claimants must meet a financial responsibility deductible before receiving reimbursement from the Fund. Please review the financial responsibility factsheets for USTs and ASTs. ∞ ∞

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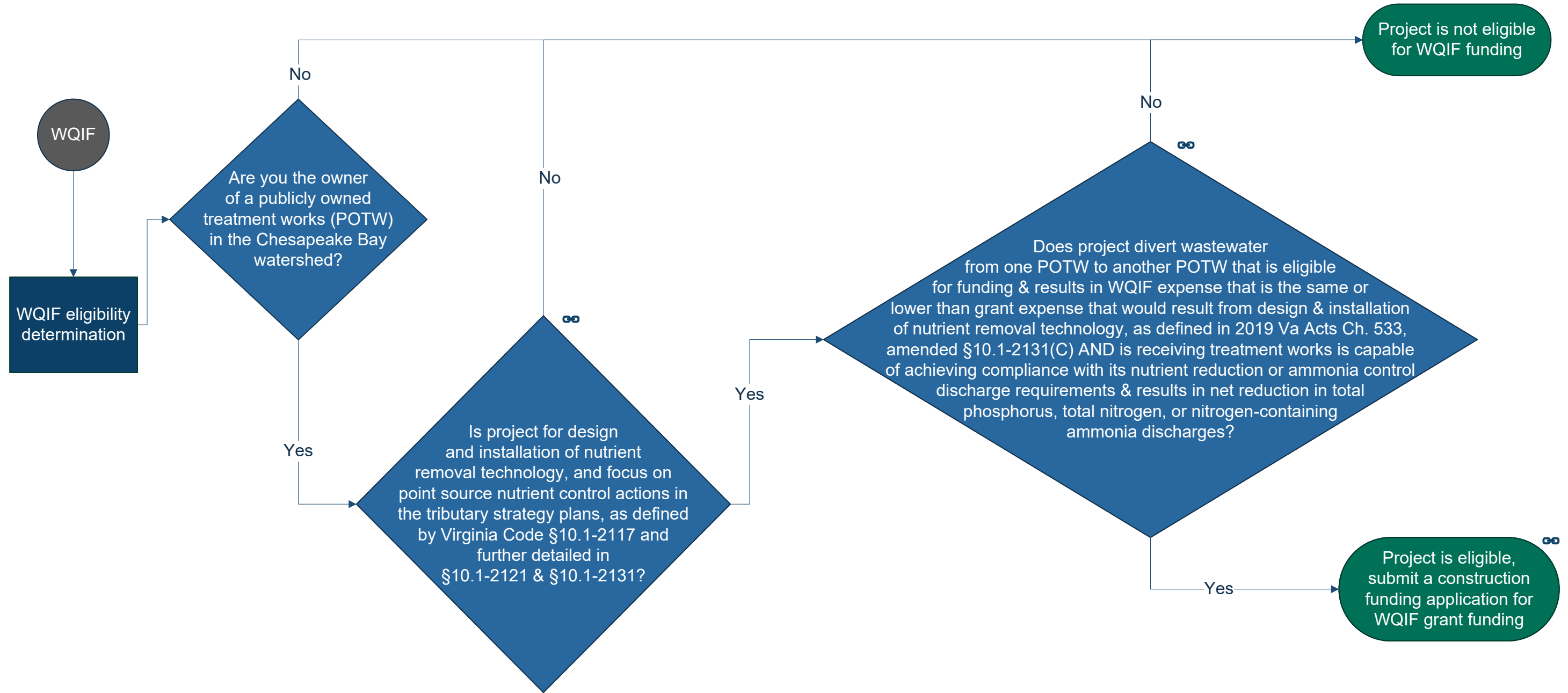
# Virginia Brownfield Assistance Fund Grants

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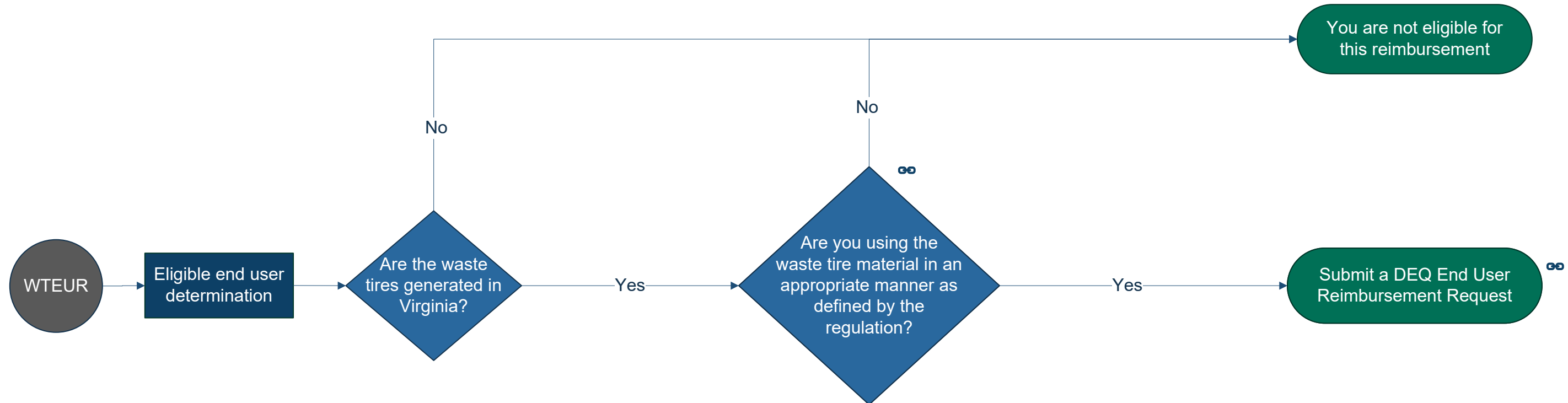


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## Glossary of Terms:

**Brownfields:** real property; the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

**Clean Water Act Section 319(b):** outlines the requirements for states and tribes to develop and submit nonpoint source (NPS) management programs to the EPA.

**Clean Water Act 319(h):** federal grant program administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to support state and tribal nonpoint source (NPS) management programs.

**Exceptional State Waters:** The Exceptional State Waters Program is intended to identify and protect high quality waters for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations by prohibiting new or increased point source discharges to the designated waterbody.

**Excluded UST:** Certain USTs are excluded from the requirements of the Technical Regulations. Only two types of Excluded USTs are eligible for reimbursement from the Fund. (1) USTs storing petroleum for operational use. (2) Petroleum USTs with a capacity of 110 gallons or less.

**Exempt UST:** Certain USTs are exempt from the definition of UST under the UST Technical Regulations. Only two types of Exempt USTs are eligible for reimbursement from the Fund. (1) Motor fuel USTs with a capacity of 1,100 gallons or less for residential or farm use. (2) USTs used for storing oil for on-site consumptive use.

**Holder:** a charitable corporation, charitable association, or charitable trust which has been declared exempt from taxation pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3) and the primary purposes or powers of which include: (i) retaining or protecting the natural or open-space values of real property; (ii) assuring the availability of real property for agricultural, forestal, recreational, or open-space use; (iii) protecting natural resources; (iv) maintaining or enhancing air or water quality; or (v) preserving the historic, architectural or archaeological aspects of real property.

**Impaired Water:** when a waterbody is contaminated by pollutants above specific criteria limits, it is considered impaired

**Living Shoreline:** a shoreline management practice that provides erosion control and water quality benefits; protects, restores, or enhances natural shoreline habitat; and maintains coastal processes through the strategic placement of plants, stone, sand fill, and other structural and organic materials. When practicable, a living shoreline may enhance coastal resilience and attenuation of wave energy and storm surge.

**On-Site Consumptive Use:** Fuel used for heating. The fuel must be used entirely on-site where the tank is located and not offered for sale or disposed of in any other way.

**Fund-Fee Product:** Fuels that are subject to the Storage Tank Fee collected by the Department of Motor Vehicles. Fund-fee products include gasoline, gasoline blends, aviation gasoline, diesel fuel (on-road and off-road), diesel blends, and heating oil

**Motor Fuel:** Gasoline, gasoline blends, aviation gasoline, diesel fuel (on-road and off-road), diesel blends

**Operational Use:** Oil used to support the function of equipment. Examples of equipment that may store oil for operational use include: Hydraulic oil used for hydraulic equipment; Insulating oil used for electrical equipment; Lubricating oil used for machining and manufacturing equipment

**Nutrient Enriched:** a water way that contains high concentrations of nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus

**Operator (UST):** Any person or entity in control of, or having responsibility for, the daily operation of an UST system

**Owner (UST):** Anyone who owned a UST system used after November 8, 1994, or the person who owned the system when the system was last used IF the system was in use before November 8, 1994. The term owner excludes any person who holds ownership to protect the holder's security interest in the tank (i.e., lenders). Review the Responsible Person Identification factsheet for more details.

**Petroleum Product:** Substances comprised of a complex blend of hydrocarbons derived from crude oil. Examples include motor fuels, jet fuels, distillate fuel oils, residual fuel oils, lubricants, petroleum solvents, and used oils. Petroleum products do not include CERCLA-listed hazardous substances.

**Responsible Party (RP):** The Owner or Operator of the UST or AST on the date the release is reported to DEQ.

**TMDL Implementation Plan:** outlines management goals, projects, partners, priorities, schedule, and funding, along with tracking, monitoring, and reevaluation processes for TMDLs.

**Soil and Water Conservation District:** these districts aim to protect and enhance both soil and water resources. This is achieved through various practices designed to prevent soil erosion, improve water infiltration, enhance soil fertility, and maintain water quality.

**Virginia's Coastal Zone:** All of Virginia's Atlantic coast watershed. Parts of the Chesapeake Bay and Albemarle - Pamlico Sound watersheds. 29 counties, 17 cities and 42 incorporated towns in 'Tidewater Virginia', as defined in the Code of Virginia 28.2-100

**Watershed Implementation Plans:** the detailed steps each applicable jurisdiction will take to meet the goals of the Chesapeake Bay TMDL by 2025

## Acronyms:

**Ag** - Agricultural

**AST** - Above Ground Storage Tanks

**BMP**- Best Management Practices

**CWA** - Clean Water Act

**CZM** - Coastal Zone Management

**EPA** - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**EUR** - End User Reimbursement

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**IP** - Implementation Plan

**LPRG** - Litter Prevention and Recycling Grant

**NCRG** - National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration Climate Ready Coasts Grants

**NGO** - Non-governmental organization

**NOAA** - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**NPS** - Non-Point Source

**POTW** - Publicly Owned Treatment Works

**SLAF** - Stormwater Local Assistance Fund

**TMDL** - Total Maximum Daily Load

**UST** - Underground Storage Tanks

**WIP** - Watershed Implementation Plan

**WQIF** - Water Quality Improvement Fund

**VBAF** - Virginia Brownfields Restoration and Economic Assistance Fund

**VCWRLF** - Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund

**VPSTF** - Virginia Petroleum Storage Tank Fund

