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To require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to make grants for the improvement of storm water retention basins in the watersheds of estuaries in the National Estuary Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ADLER of New Jersey introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. STORM WATER RETENTION BASIN IMPROVE-**
4 **MENT GRANTS.**

5 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Administrator of the En-
6 vironmental Protection Agency shall make grants on a
7 competitive basis to eligible entities for improvement of
8 the pollution control capabilities of storm water retention

1 basins identified by the Administrator under subsection
2 (b).

3 (b) IDENTIFICATION OF BASINS BY ADMINIS-
4 TRATOR.—The Administrator shall conduct an evaluation
5 of each storm water retention basin located in the water-
6 shed of an estuary for which a comprehensive conservation
7 and management plan is in effect under section 320 of
8 the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1330)
9 to identify basins whose pollution control capabilities are
10 in need of improvement in order to attain or maintain in
11 such estuary the water quality described in subsection
12 (a)(2)(A) of such section.

13 (c) ELIGIBILITY.—The Administrator may only make
14 a grant under subsection (a) to an eligible entity that sub-
15 mits an application at such time, in such form, and includ-
16 ing such information and assurances as the Administrator
17 may require, including—

18 (1) a detailed description of the storm water re-
19 tention basin improvements for which the entity will
20 use grant funds; and

21 (2) scientific evidence in support of the need for
22 such improvements, which may include the evidence
23 that formed the basis of the Administrator’s identi-
24 fication under subsection (b) of the basin involved.

1 (d) PRIORITY.—In making grants under subsection
2 (a), the Administrator shall give priority to grant pro-
3 posals—

4 (1) by eligible entities to improve storm water
5 retention basins whose pollution control capabilities
6 are the most deficient and the improvement of which
7 will result in the greatest increase in water quality
8 in the estuary involved; and

9 (2) by eligible entities to improve storm water
10 retention basins for which, prior to the date of the
11 enactment of this Act, an evaluation of pollution
12 control capabilities has been conducted as part of
13 the implementation of a comprehensive conservation
14 and management plan under section 320 of the Fed-
15 eral Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1330).

16 (e) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity receiving a
17 grant under subsection (a) shall use grant funds to carry
18 out—

19 (1) the storm water retention basin improve-
20 ments the entity described in its grant application,
21 as required by subsection (c)(1); and

22 (2) the monitoring and reporting requirements
23 of subsection (f)(1).

24 (f) MONITORING, REPORTING, AND EVALUATION.—

1 (1) BY ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—An eligible entity
2 receiving a grant under subsection (a) shall conduct
3 such monitoring activities as the Administrator con-
4 siders necessary to determine if the storm water re-
5 tention basin improvements for which the entity is
6 using grant funds are increasing the basin’s pollu-
7 tion control capabilities. At such times as the Ad-
8 ministrators may require, the eligible entity shall sub-
9 mit to the Administrator reports of the data gath-
10 ered by the monitoring activities.

11 (2) BY ADMINISTRATOR.—The Administrator
12 shall analyze the data submitted by eligible entities
13 under paragraph (1) and conduct such additional
14 monitoring and evaluation of the storm water basin
15 improvements carried out through grants under sub-
16 section (a) as the Administrator considers necessary
17 to determine the most effective methods of improv-
18 ing storm water basins to increase water quality in
19 estuaries for which comprehensive conservation and
20 management plans are in effect under section 320 of
21 the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.
22 1330).

23 (g) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—The Administrator
24 may not make a grant to an eligible entity under sub-
25 section (a) unless the eligible entity agrees that, with re-

1 spect to the costs to be incurred by the eligible entity in
2 carrying out the activities for which the grant is awarded,
3 the eligible entity will make available non-Federal con-
4 tributions in an amount equal to not less than 20 percent
5 of the Federal funds provided under the grant.

6 (h) ELIGIBLE ENTITY DEFINED.—The term “eligible
7 entity” means a State or a political subdivision of a State
8 that has jurisdiction over all or part of a storm water re-
9 tention basin identified by the Administrator under sub-
10 section (b), regardless of whether such basin is publicly
11 or privately owned.

12 (i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
13 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
14 \$20,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2011 through
15 2015.

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