

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

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FIRE COMPANIES **Rural Volunteer Fire Assistance**

Pursuant to the Agriculture Appropriations Act, section 7(b)3 of P.L. 95-313 (Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978), the Department of Environmental Conservation hereby gives notice of the following:

The Department of Environmental Conservation will administer the Volunteer Fire Assistance matching grant to assist rural fire companies in the purchase of fire suppression equipment. Applications will be accepted through May 15, 2004.

It is expected that \$300,000 in Federal funding will be available to award fire companies matching grants for the purchase of wildland fire suppression equipment and wildland fire suppression safety equipment. Grants are based on Federal guidelines and are for use in fire districts serving populations under 10,000 population.

Applications are scored on population, the I.S.O. Fire Prevention Insurance rating, the date of the last V.F.A. grant received and the presence of Native American communities in the district.

For further information, contact: Joseph Zeglen, Division of Forest Protection and Fire Management at the above address or call (518) 402-8839

This is a matching grant program, therefore grant recipients will be expected to provide at least 50 percent match to these awards.

Applications and information on workshops can be found on our website at <http://www.nysparks.com/grants> or contact: T. Kevin Burns, Chief of Grants, Bureau of Grants Management at the above address or call (518) 474-0427 or Fax (518) 486-7377

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MUNICIPALITIES AND NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WITH AN OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY **Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993; Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund**

Municipalities and not-for-profit organizations with an ownership interest in the property may apply for funds under Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993 for the acquisition, development and improvement of parks, historic properties and heritage areas. In addition, municipalities may apply for funds under the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund for the acquisition and development of outdoor recreation facilities.

Competitive applications to receive aid are required and will be accepted through June 30, 2004 for grants made available under these programs.

