The proposal shows much expertise in the water management realm but lacks expertise in another critical area, the conservation needs of the giant garter snake, and the approach lacks documentation or reference. The transferability of this project to landowners throughout the region was questioned, and the specific giant garter snake expertise was not identified. The Panel found that the proposal’s fatal flaw was the lack of a demonstrated linkage between the giant garter snake and water management. The panel, therefore, recommends that this project not be funded.