

FY25 Virginia Land Conservation Foundation Grant Round

WebGrants Management Portal

Forestland Preservation Application

Applicant/Project Information

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In addition to answering the specific questions asked in this section, you will have an opportunity to write more about your project in the Narrative section later in this application.

Applicant Type*:

Please choose one.

For qualified nonprofit entity, number of years office maintained in Virginia:

Number of Years:

Public Body Co-Holder:

Project Location:

County

Town

Total Acres to be Protected*:

Tax Parcel Number(s)*:

Virginia District #s*:

House

Senate

Congressional

**Street Address of the Project
(No P.O. Box)*:**

Current Fee Owner of the Property*:

Project Specifics*:

Select all that apply.

If Other, Please List:

Does the property fall within one or more layers of ConserveVirginia?

ConserveVirginia*:

Select all that apply.

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General Project Information

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Public Access*:

Please choose one.

If the project provides public access, is there a moderate, high, or very high need for recreation access as identified in the Nature Based Recreation Access Model (<https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural-heritage/vaconvisrec/>)? Please specify the level of need and whether it is terrestrial and/or aquatic.

Recreation Access Model Scores:

You may attach a map showing the Recreation Access Model identified need here.

Recreation Access Model Map:

Has the landowner presented evidence of sufficient legal and physical access to the property adequate for the intended use of the property and for site monitoring?

Sufficient Access*:

Describe the Access:

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Is the project adjacent to other protected conservation lands, including land under conservation easement or publicly-owned land? (Show this adjacency on the required aerial photo and topo map)

Adjacency*:

Identify the ownership or use of the adjacent land? (e.g. private property under easement, national forest, state or local park)

Ownership:

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Does the property have frontage along rivers, shorelines, perennial streams, or bodies of water with perennial outflow?

Perennial Water Features*:

Total linear footage of frontage along rivers, shorelines, perennial streams, or bodies of water with perennial outflow.

Total Linear Footage:

**Planned Riparian Buffer Width
(i.e. 35', 50', 100'):**

Will the riparian buffer be forested?

Forested:

Describe the extent to which the project will protect water quality beyond the required 35-foot wide vegetated buffers on perennial streams, rivers, shorelines, and waterbodies with perennial outflow. Include information about percentage of the forest canopy, degree of protection, and feet of water frontage buffered, with an indication of buffer width.

Buffer Details:

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Does the project meet a specific resource conservation need identified in the 2018 Virginia Outdoors Plan?

VOP Resource Conservation Need*:

What is the specific resource conservation need that is met?

Specific Need:

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VOP Page Numbers:

Does the project meet a specific recreational need identified in the 2018 Virginia Outdoors Plan?

VOP Recreational Need*:

What is the specific recreation need that is met?

Specific Need:

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VOP Page Numbers:

Does the project meet a specific goal or need in the local comprehensive plan?

Comprehensive Plan*:

What is the specific goal that is met?

Specific Goal:

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Attach the relevant pages from the plan only, not the entire comprehensive plan.

Relevant Pages:

Select file

Does the project offer protection of a Local Cultural Resource? Examples include remnants of prior settlements, artifacts, evidence of unmarked burial sites of enslaved or indigenous people, former segregated schoolhouses, sites of early racial integration, historic roadbed or railbed systems, historic wharfs, pine tar industry sites, gold mining pits, tobacco barns, etc.

Local Cultural Resource Protection*:

Give the name of the site here and provide pictures in the Documents Form.

Name of Site:

Describe fully the cultural resources on the property. Include draft language to be used in the deed to protect these resources.

Please Describe:

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Explain any planned education opportunities about the cultural resources that will be made available for the public.

Cultural Resource Education:

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Does the project intersect ConserveVirginia layers in addition to the Primary VLCF Application Category for your project?

Intersect ConserveVirginia Layers*:

Is the landowner agreeable to language being inserted in the deed for the project that will protect the associated resources in order to be awarded additional points for each confirmed intersecting layer? View the ConserveVirginia Deed Review Criteria to see what protections are required for each category: <https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/land-conservation/document/conservvirginia-deed-review-criteria.pdf>

Landowner Agreeable:

Describe how the project will protect resources in perpetuity for any identified ConserveVirginia categories other than the primary application category. View the ConserveVirginia Deed Review Criteria to see what protections are required for each category: <https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/land-conservation/document/conservvirginia-deed-review-criteria.pdf>

ConserveVirginia Protections:

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Provide information about how the project will benefit any specific wildlife and protect their habitats, particularly Species of Greatest Conservation Need identified in Virginia's Wildlife Action Plan or State or Federally listed threatened or endangered species. Indicate if public access will be available for viewing or hunting wildlife, or for fishing.

Fish and Wildlife Values*:

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Please describe the degree to which the community where the project is located is underserved/socially vulnerable. We recommend using the Social Vulnerability Model developed by the Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences (http://cmap2.vims.edu/SocialVulnerability/SocioVuL_SS.html), but other models and sources may be used.

Please see the Grant Manual for more information.

Social Vulnerability*:

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Project Category

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Choose your appropriate primary and secondary categories. When you save your application, you will see questions for all categories, but will not be able to answer them. Do not worry about this, you are only to answer those for your categories.

Primary VLCF Application Category*:

Please choose one.

2nd category is not required, but recommended.

Secondary Category:

Please choose one.

Please provide a brief summary of your proposed land conservation project. Include project name, grant category, locality, acreage, land use, conservation values, partners, etc. This summary will be used to provide an introduction of your project to the interagency task force and the VLCF Board.

Brief Project Description*:

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Forested Acreage of the Property:

State the percentage of the forested portion of the property the project will preserve in perpetuity.

Note: The fee or easement deed for the property must include language requiring this percentage of the property to remain in forest use in perpetuity. If you will reforest a portion of the property and then maintain it in forest in perpetuity, you can include it in the percentage.

Percentage:

Total linear footage of frontage along intermittent streams and wetlands.

Total Linear Footage:

Is there a written forest stewardship management plan (or equivalent) for the property?

Forest Stewardship Management Plan:

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Narrative Project Information

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Provide more details of the project and fully describe how elements of the project meet the VLFC grant criteria for the chosen category and the Additional Scoring Criteria found in Appendix B of the grant manual. This will assist the review panel in understanding the scope of the project and in scoring the application.

- Describe the objectives and need for grant assistance.
- Provide a detailed description of how the project meets specific criteria of the grant category under which the application is made.
- If applicable, state how the project provides significant benefits for your chosen secondary category.
- Include an assessment of property market value to substantiate the project cost and grant request. Although final appraisals are not required at the time of application, submission of a preliminary appraisal is helpful.
- Identify the expected results and benefits the proposal will have.
- Describe how the project is consistent with or complements local and regional plans.
- For easement projects (or fee-acquisition projects with an associated required easement), provide a list or summary of the restrictions that will be included in the easement, including riparian buffer requirements, historic-resources protections (See Page 8 of Grant Manual for historic resource protection requirements), preservation of forest acreage, limitations on allowed development, etc.
- Discuss the landowner's short-term and long-term management plans for the site.
- State the length of time that will be required to complete the project once the grant is approved.
- Identify any factors that might accelerate or delay the project.

Narrative Project Information*:

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Budget

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Requested Amount*:

Match Amount:

Total Project Cost:

Match Percentage:

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Budget Details

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Expected Appraised Value of the Fee or Easement*:

Legal Fees*:

Survey Costs*:

Appraisal Cost*:

Title Search and Title Insurance*:

Recordation Costs*:

Environmental Site Assessment Cost*:

Easement Fees Required by Public-Body Holders:

Other Costs:

Other Description:

TOTAL Expected Due Diligence Costs:

TOTAL PROJECT COST:

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Match Sources

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Please Note:

A match of at least 50% is required for all nonprofit and local government projects.
If match sources are not yet fully determined, a Match Commitment letter is required.

Have you identified your match source?:

Match Source:

Match Amount:

Have you secured sources for the full value of your required match?:

Is the applicant a State Agency, or a State- or Federally-Recognized Tribe?

State Agency or Tribe:

A match commitment letter is required.

Here is an example you can use: [Example Match Commitment Letter](#)

Match Commitment Letter:

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