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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
NATURAL HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION
LOCAL OPEN SPACE CONSERVATION & ACQUISITION GRANT

Instructions: Save this form on your computer and fill in information for the questions below.

Submission: Email completed grant applications and required attchments to michelle.sheehan@dem.ri.gov

Questions?: Contact Michelle Sheehan: michelle.sheehan@dem.ri.gov or 222-2776 ext 4436

PROJECT AND SPONSOR IDENTIFICATION

1. Applicant Name: _____ Tax # [FEIN]: _____
(If municipal land trust, use town FEIN#)

2. SIGNATURE: by checking this box, the person filling out this application certifies that he or she is eligible to submit said application on behalf of the applicant.

☐ Name and title: Date:

3. Address: _____

4. Telephone (office, home or cell): _____

5. Email Address: _____

PROPERTY INFORMATION

1. Address of property to be acquired: _____

2. Assessor's Plat and Lot number(s): _____

3. Acreage to be acquired: _____

4. Current Owner(s) of Property: _____

5. Interest to be acquired: (fee simple, development rights, conservation easement, etc.):

Fee Interest

If needed, provide additional details:

6. Appraised Value (if known): _____ Source and Date of Appraisal: _____

OTHER INFORMATION

1. Describe current status of property: is it for sale, under contract? Provide any additional details:

2. Are there structures on the property? Yes ☐ No ☐

   If yes, describe them and how they will be used:

COSTS/FINANCIAL DATA

1. Estimated cost of Land Acquisition, *not* including overhead: _____

2. Proposed Funding Sources:

State Grant (50% of appraised value MAX.): _____

Applicant: _____

Private: _____

Landowner Donation: _____

Other Funds (please specify): _____

Total Funding: _____

Please note that appraisal, survey and title costs are eleible for 50% reimbursement after closing.

PROJECT NARRATIVE/SUMMARY (limit of 2,750 characters)

1. Summarize the key elements that make protecting the property important
2. Summarize the natural characteristics and ecological value of the property

CRITERIA INFORMATION - you must limit your response to the amount of space designated below each question; please be concise.

A. HABITAT PROTECTION (25 Points)

1. Of the following natural communities, check any that have been positively identified on the property:

- ☐ *Estuarine Intertidal Wetlands*
- ☐ *Freshwater Tidal Marsh*
- ☐ *Coastal Plain Pond and/or pond shore*
- ☐ *Open Peatland (Bogs and Fens)*
- ☐ *Vernal Pools*
- ☐ *Undeveloped coastal land*
- ☐ *Morainal Grassland*
- ☐ *Maritime/ Inland Dune System*
- ☐ *Pitch Pine/Scrub Oak Barren*
- ☐ *Calcareous Habitats (forests, outcrops, etc.)*
- ☐ *Other:*

Describe all type(s) that are present, including acreage and condition.

2. Does the property support, or is it capable of supporting, rare/endangered species? Identify the species and sources of information.

B. PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Is the protection of this specific property or its surrounding areas identified in any of the following:

1. A specific action in the town's Comprehensive Plan Implementation Program? Yes ☐ No ☐

   Provide details and citation

2. An implementation action in an element of the State Guide Plan? Yes ☐ No ☐

   Provide details and citation

3. An implementation action in any other conservation plan? Yes ☐ No ☐

   Provide name of plan, details and citation or attach if not available online

C. OTHER RESOURCE PROTECTION

1. Does the property contain prime or important agricultural soils under production that will be preserved and maintained in agriculture as part of the property acquisition?

   Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, identify how many acres and briefly describe:

2. Are there any historic or archaeological resources on the property that will be protected through its acquisition?

   Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, briefly describe:

3. Is the property in a scenic corridor or does it otherwise provide a significant scenic visa?

   Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, briefly describe:

D. URBAN HABITAT PROTECTION

If the property is located in an urban area, please describe how the open space or habitat values of the property are significat or unique in the context of the urban community:

E. PUBLIC RECREATION OPPORTUNITY

1. Will the property provide public recreational opportunities? Yes ☐ No ☐

   If yes, briefly describe activities to be allowed, use restrictions, programming, and amenities currently available or to be provided such as parking and trails.

2. Will the property provide a connection between a neighborhood or population center and protected openspace or significant natural resource? Yes ☐ No ☐

   If yes, describe the open space or natural resource.

F. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

1. Please describe the existing and planned use and management of this property including any conservation/management practices/plans.

2. Describe how the planned use of the property appropriately considers the habitat/natural resources identified for protection:

3. Describe who will manage the property and the experience and capacity of the management entity:

4. Is your entity accredited with the Land Trust Alliance? Yes ☐ No ☐

Required Attachments: please attach only the following documents:

1. Copy of a **map** clearly depicting the property boundaries and any buildings, parking areas, and trailheads
2. **Landowner intent form** to allow inspection (please use form found on our website: http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/planning/grants/index.php)
3. Evidence of the **governing board's consent** to make application and its commitment to keeping the property open in perpetuity. If multi-community application, provide evidence for all governing boards.

EMAIL COMPLETE APPLICATION AND ATTACHMENTS TO:
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