

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

PROJECT AND SPONSOR IDENTIFICATION:

1. Applicant Name:

Tax # [FEIN]:
(If municipal land trust, use town FEIN#)

2. Contact Person's Name and Title:

SIGNATURE: _____

3. Address:

4. Telephone (office, home or cell):

5. Email Address:

PROPERTY INFORMATION

1. Location of property to be acquired: (Address, City/Town)

Assessor's Plat and Lot number(s):

2. Acreage to be acquired:

3. Current Owner(s) of Property:

4. Interest to be acquired: (fee simple title, development rights, conservation restriction, etc.):

5. Assessed Value of Land:

Date of Assessment:

6. Appraised Value (if known):

7. Source and Date of Appraisal:

COSTS/FINANCIAL DATA

1. Estimates of Project Costs by Element:

Land Acquisition:

Appraisal Fees:

Survey Fees:

Title search/Title Insurance:

Other Costs (specify):

Total Estimated Costs:

2. Proposed Funding Sources:

State Grant (50% MAX.):

Local Appropriation:

Bonds:

Private:

Landowner Donation:

Other Funds (please specify):

Total Funding:

CRITERIA INFORMATION

A. HABITAT PROTECTION (25 Points)

1. Does the property have critical, uncommon, ecologically fragile, or ecologically unique natural communities?

In particular, does the property contain:

- Coastal Plain Pond and/or pond shore*
- Coastal Marsh and associated Estuarine Wetlands*
- Coastal Interdunal Swale/Wetland*
- Open Peatland (Bogs and Fens)*
- Morainal Grassland*
- Coastal or Inland Dune System*
- Pitch Pine/Scrub Oak Barren*
- Floodplain Forest*
- Calcareous Habitats (forests, outcrops, etc.)*
- Other:*

Describe all type(s) that are present.

2. Does the property have community types representative of the typical ecological communities of Rhode Island? Describe the type(s) that are present.

3. Does the property include managed open land that provides habitat supporting native animals and plants? Describe the managed open land, land management practices, and the species benefited.

4. Is the property located in an urban or densely developed area?

If yes, describe the significant habitat, open space, or educational values associated with this attribute.

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

B. GREENWAY OR REGIONAL LINKAGES

1. Does the property connect or is it contiguous with other protected land? Yes: _____ No: _____

If yes, identify the protected parcels, including acreage and landowner – **please be sure to include location of other protected lands on any attached maps.** Also, discuss connectivity, is physical access possible or are there limiting features that would prevent access?

2. Is the property contiguous to a river or stream? Yes: _____ No: _____

If yes, is public access possible, please describe.

3. Will the property provide public recreational opportunities? Yes: _____ No: _____

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

4. Does the property provide a connection between an urban community and other protected lands or parks?

Yes: _____ No: _____

If yes, describe.

C. PLANNING CONSISTENCY

If you answer yes to questions 1-4, please attach copies of plan sections.

1. Is the acquisition consistent with the Local Comprehensive Plan? Yes: No:

2. Is the acquisition consistent with a Local Open Space Plan? Yes: No:

3. Is the acquisition identified in a Regional or Watershed Plan? Yes: No:

4. Is the acquisition identified in [A Greener Path: Greenspace and Greenways for Rhode Island's Future](#), [Ocean State Outdoors: Rhode Island's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan](#), or any other Element of the State Guide Plan?

Yes: No:

D. RESOURCE PROTECTION

1. Identify and describe the sustainable resources that would be protected through acquisition of the property. These may include fisheries, forest, agricultural, cultural/archeological, geological, scenic, and/or biological resources.

E. WATER RESOURCE PROTECTION

1. Is the property located within the watershed of a Public Water Supply or Groundwater Recharge Area (please identify source of data)?

Yes: No:

If yes, include map of watershed with property identified.

2. Does the Federal Emergency Management Agency locate the property within a Special Flood Hazard Area (Zone V or A) as identified on Flood Insurance Rate Maps published?

Yes: No:

If yes, include copy of appropriate map.

E. MULTI-COMMUNITY APPLICATION

1. Is the property located in 2 or more communities?

Yes: No:

If yes, provide evidence of consent of the governing boards for each agency.

OTHER INFORMATION

1. Is the land currently For Sale:

Yes: No:

If yes, what is the asking price?

If no, describe how the land will be acquired.

2. Has the land been subdivided:

Yes: No:

Date of the subdivision:

3. How is the land zoned?

4. Has the zoning changed in the past five years?

Yes: No:

If yes, what was the previous zoning?

5. Are there structures on the property?

Yes: No:

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

6. Describe any conservation/management practices performed on the property currently:

7. Proposed uses of the property. (Education, Research, Passive Recreation, other use). Fully describe the proposed uses of the property.

8. Discuss who will manage the property and the experience of the management entity.

Attach the following:

1. Copy of U.S.G.S. topographic map identifying the location of the property.

2. Copy of plat map or other maps clearly depicting property boundaries, road frontage and its relationship to any other protected lands. If applicable, locate buildings and all other improvements on property, including parking areas, trailheads, fencing.

3. Copies of relevant pages from planning documents cited in Section C.

4. Landowner intent form to allow inspection. (NHP-106)

5. Agency certificate to keep the property in open space in perpetuity.

6. 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.

7. If a private organization, include a copy of incorporation papers filed with the Secretary of State or charitable trust arrangement with the Attorney General's Office and a copy of 501 (c) (3) status from the Internal Revenue Service.

PLEASE INCLUDE AN ELECTRONIC COPY OF YOUR APPLICATION

EMAIL TO LISA.PRIMIANO@DEM.RI.US or INCLUDE A DISK WITH YOUR APPLICATION.