

FY27 Virginia Land Conservation Grant Round

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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

If the property does not have an address, please provide the nearest address and its proximity.

**Full Physical 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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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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Full public access means the property will be available for public visitation 365 days a year, with no special permission needed to access the property. Restricted or Limited Public Access means the property will only be available for public access at certain times during the year or is only available for public access by appointment or with special permission. Visual access means the applicant can demonstrate the scenic value of the property to the public and that the project will protect the integrity of the public's scenic view.

Public Access*:

Please choose one.

Explain the degree of public access.

Public Access Explanation*:

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Is the project a VOP regional featured project? Does the project address a recreation or resource conservation topic discussed in the 2024 Virginia Outdoors Plan?

The VOP can be found at: www.dcr.virginia.gov/vop – see especially Sections 2.1, Recreation for All, and 3.1, Recreation Land conservation, as well as the VOP Regional Featured Projects dashboard.

Virginia Outdoors Plan (VOP)*:

What VOP regional featured project does this project support? Which recreation or resource conservation topics from the VOP or local comprehensive plan does the project address? How does it address them?

Specific Recreation or Resource Conservation Topics:

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VOP Section Numbers:

Does the project meet specific conservation or outdoor recreation goals in the local comprehensive plan?

Comprehensive Plan*:

What are the specific goals that are met?

Specific Goals:

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Attach the relevant pages from the plan only, not the entire comprehensive plan. Please highlight the applicable goals.

Relevant Pages:

Select file

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:

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 fence lines, roadbed or railbed systems, evidence of past wharfs, pine tar industry sites, gold mining pits, tobacco barns, witness trees, caves, 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. Example language for the protection of these cultural resources is “(these) cultural resources may no be disturbed, built upon, be subject to ground disturbance. Resources shall be maintained in current or better condition.”

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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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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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/conservevirginia-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/conservevirginia-deed-review-criteria.pdf>

ConserveVirginia Protections:

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

Perennial Water Features*:

Total linear footage of frontage along rivers, shorelines, perennial streams, wetlands, 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, wetlands, 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 property have areas in which wetlands may migrate in the future, as identified on the Wetland Potential 2050 layer of the AdaptVA interactive map (https://cmap22.vims.edu/AdaptVA/AdaptVA_viewer.html)?

Migrating Wetlands:

Has the landowner agreed to protect the areas in which wetlands may migrate by prohibiting the construction or placement of buildings, paved roads, and other impervious surface in these areas? If so, such restrictions must be included in the final recorded legal documents.

Migrating Wetlands Protections:

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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If the project intersects a wildlife buffer or corridor as shown on the Virginia Natural Heritage Data Explorer (www.vanhde.org), include a description of how the project will protect the associated wildlife buffer or corridor in perpetuity.

Wildlife Corridors*:

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Can the applicant provide a title commitment insuring the applicant's interest in the property? If so, please attach.

Title Commitment:

Select file

For easement projects, applicants must upload a term sheet or draft easement indicating the proposed protections of the project's conservation values.

Term Sheet or Draft Easement:

Select file

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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 property the project will preserve in forest in perpetuity. Land that is not currently forested but that the landowner will afforest and maintain as forest in perpetuity counts.

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:

Does the property have a written forest stewardship management plan (or equivalent) that is less than ten years?

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 VLCF 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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Named Attachment	Required	Description	File Name 	Type	Size	Upload Date	Delete?
A signed letter from all landowners stating that they are willing participants in the proposed transactions or a notice of intent to sell	✓						
Public Body Letter (for nonprofit applicants only)							
Required Match Letter (if required match is not confirmed)							
Maps							
Aerial map	✓						
Topographic map	✓						
ConserveVirginia layers	✓						
If your project intersects any mapped wildlife corridors, include a map of the corridors here.							
Wildlife Corridors							
ZIP file of the shapefile showing the boundary of the property							

Appendix Items - Named Attachments

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Named Attachment	Required	Description	File Name 	Type	Size	Upload Date	Delete?
Farm management plan							
Forest management plan							
Appraisal or pre-appraisal							
Letters of support for the project							
Scoring sheet(s)							

Project Photographs

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Attach at least three photographs that highlight the conservation values being conserved by the project.

By uploading your photos here, you authorize the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation to use the photographs in editorial, promotional and marketing efforts related to VLCF.

Attach a photo of the project.

Photograph 1*:

Provide the name of the individual and/or organization to be credited for this photograph.

Photograph 1 Credits*:
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Provide a short description of Photograph 1.

Photograph 1 Description*:
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Attach a photo of the project.

Photograph 2*:

Provide the name of the individual and/or organization to be credited for this photograph.

Photograph 2 Credits*:
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Provide a short description of Photograph 2.

Photograph 2 Description*:
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Attach a photo of the project.

Photograph 3*:

Provide the name of the individual and/or organization to be credited for this photograph.

Photograph 3 Credits*:
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Provide a short description of Photograph 3.

Photograph 3 Description*:
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Attach a photo of the project (optional).

Photograph 4:

Provide the name of the individual and/or organization to be credited for this photograph.

Photograph 4 Credits*:
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Provide a short description of Photograph 4.

Photograph 4 Description*:
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Attach a photo of the project (optional).

Photograph 5:

Provide the name of the individual and/or organization to be credited for this photograph.

Photograph 5 Credits:

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Provide a short description of Photograph 5.

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 Letters/Resolutions - Other Attachments

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Letters and resolutions that confirm match amounts

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 Additional Documents and Photos - Other Attachments

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Please attach any other documents to support the application.

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