



UPPER SUSQUEHANNA COALITION Water Quality Program

Please send applications to:
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OR

Tioga County Soil and Water Conservation District
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Owego, NY 13827

Application due date: March 5, 2021

The USC Water Quality Program funded through several federal sources seeks to offer financial compensation and resource assistance (planning, design and plant material) to increase the implementation and restoration of riparian forest buffers, wetlands, stream corridor rehabilitation, and associated water quality BMPs through conventional, as well as new programs. All projects require the implementation or restoration of a riparian buffer OR wetland restoration to be eligible for USC Water Quality Program funding. Applications will be ranked and funded according to the ranking criteria below. A USC staff site visit is required prior to award confirmation.

Project examples:

- Funding for BMPs associated with grazing management, such as stream crossings, fence, and alternative watering;
- Stream bank and/or channel stabilization that incorporates natural stabilization techniques;
- Funding for transactional costs associated with conservation easements;
- Match or cost share for projects funded through other programs;
- Funding for riparian restoration including seed, plants and planting materials (tubes, herbicide spray, stakes, etc.) as well as for site preparation (mowing, auguring holes, invasive removal, etc.); and
- In stream habitat improvement.

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Who is eligible to apply?

Upper Susquehanna Coalition member Soil and Water Conservation Districts and partners are eligible to apply on behalf of a landowner. Projects are only eligible for funding if they are within the boundaries of the Upper Susquehanna River Watershed. Projects that have local SWCD technical assistance will receive higher priority.

Applications due to the USC by March 5, 2021

Applicant Information

Primary contact: Click or tap here to enter text.

Applicant organization name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Contact person: Click or tap here to enter text.

Phone number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Email address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Mailing Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Supporting Soil and Water Conservation District name (if different than applicant):

Click or tap here to enter text.

Contact person: Click or tap here to enter text.

Phone number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Email address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Mailing Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Is SWCD providing technical and implementation support? YES NO

If not, who is?

Other Partner Organization name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Contact person: Click or tap here to enter text.

Phone number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Email address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Mailing Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Overall Project Information

Project Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Landowner Name (where applicable): Click or tap here to enter text.

Producer Name (if different than the landowner): Click or tap here to enter text.

Watershed Name & 12-digit HUC (attach topographic map): Click or tap here to enter text.

Lat/Long (<http://itouchmap.com/latlong.html>):

Latitude: Click or tap here to enter text. *Longitude:* Click or tap here to enter text.

Please submit Lat/Lon in decimal degrees (42.141877, -76.268377) format..

Project and Partner Descriptions

Description and goal of the project: Click or tap here to enter text.

Describe the role of each partner in the project (be sure to include volunteers, if applicable):

Click or tap here to enter text.

Partner Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Role: Click or tap here to enter text.

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Please attach an aerial photo and other “before” photos that adequately depict the project components.

Please attach a budget or cost estimate indicating each component and/or practice and associated funder.

Total Project costs: Click or tap here to enter text.			
Amount of funding requested from USC: Click or tap here to enter text.			
<i>(Please check appropriate boxes and write the number of points in the space provided.)</i>			
Local cost share availability			
<i>Note: This project requires a 10% match that can be “in-kind.” Please check with USC for availability of other funding sources if local match is not available.</i>			
50 to 75%: 10pts	26 to 49%: 5pts	10 to 25%: 3pts	Cost Share Points Click or tap here to enter points.
Cost Share Entity and/or Program Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter points.	Click or tap here to enter points.	
Will project be fully implemented within 12 months?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: 5pts	Implementation Points Click or tap here to enter points.
Are landowner easements/contract approvals secured?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: 5pts	Landowner Points Click or tap here to enter points.
Are federal and state permits:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Secured and in-hand: 6 pts	<input type="checkbox"/> No permit required: 6 pts	<input type="checkbox"/> Or, permits applied for: 3 pts	Permit Points Click or tap here to enter points.
Total Points			Click or tap here to enter points.

What you are requesting funding for?

- Easement or Purchase transactional costs
- Practice Implementation

Easement or Purchase Description

Are funds requested for the easement or purchase of land? YES NO

Length of easement: Click or tap here to enter text.

Who is responsible for stewarding the land and practices? Click or tap here to enter text.

Total acres purchased or with easement? Click or tap here to enter text.

Will the entire restored riparian area have a specific designation, distinguishing it as a sensitive or special use area? YES NO

Please describe: Click or tap here to enter text.

Other than the riparian area, are other unique or sensitive areas present on site that present opportunity for water quality and habitat improvement? YES NO

If yes, describe: Click or tap here to enter text.

Practice Implementation Deliverables

Practice Implementation	Quantity and/or Type
<input type="checkbox"/> Riparian Forest Buffer	Click or tap here to enter text.
<input type="checkbox"/> Riparian Grass Buffer	Click or tap here to enter text.
<input type="checkbox"/> Berm Removal	Click or tap here to enter text.
<input type="checkbox"/> Wetland Practice	Click or tap here to enter text.
<input type="checkbox"/> Stream Bank Stabilization	Click or tap here to enter text.
<input type="checkbox"/> Stream Channel Stabilization	Click or tap here to enter text.
<input type="checkbox"/> In Stream Habitat	Click or tap here to enter text.
<input type="checkbox"/> Livestock Exclusion	Click or tap here to enter text.
<input type="checkbox"/> Alternative Water	Click or tap here to enter text.
<input type="checkbox"/> Prescribed Grazing	Click or tap here to enter text.
<input type="checkbox"/> Stream Crossing	Click or tap here to enter text.
<input type="checkbox"/> Ag Land Retirement	Click or tap here to enter text.
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.

Habitat considerations

Describe any habitat enhancement that will result from this project, targeted species identified in the vicinity, habitat connectivity, or broader watershed initiatives that will benefit from this project. (10 points)

Click or tap here to enter text.

SWCD District Manager Signature: _____

SWCD project contact person name and signature (if different than DM): _____

Partnering Organization Name and Signature: _____

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