

REPORT OF THE VIRGINIA LAND CONSERVATION
FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THE
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION

2019 Land Conservation Pre-Application Grant Requests

TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE CHAIRMEN OF THE SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE



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Preface

This report has been prepared in accordance with and fulfills the requirements of:

§ 10.1-1020(B) of the Code of Virginia (Virginia Land Conservation Foundation), which requires the Foundation to conduct a grant round each year to identify and rank projects for the subsequent fiscal year and provide copies of such project rankings to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance by December 15 of each year. This report includes the ranking of those projects submitted during a request for proposals held from November 22 through December 13, 2019.

There is no funding associated with this request for proposals and ranking of projects. This report includes a listing of potential projects to illustrate the current financial need for land conservation. Should funding be provided in the Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriations Act, then the Virginia Land Conservation Foundation will conduct an official and comprehensive grant round in Calendar Year 2020 to award the available state funds.

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Pre-Application Grant Round Overview

Chapter 539 of the 2019 Virginia Acts of Assembly established a new requirement for the Virginia Land Conservation Foundation (VLCF) to hold a grant round each year to identify and rank projects for the subsequent fiscal year, and to provide copies of such project rankings to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance.

VLCF solicited proposals for land conservation projects from November 22 through December 13, 2019, for this newly required grant round. In these three weeks, a total of 86 applications were received, requesting \$106.5 million to conserve 55,584 acres across Virginia.

For this inaugural process, the VLCF Board adopted abbreviated scoring criteria for each of the five grant categories (see Appendix A). The Board established this simplified criteria based on the more in-depth Fiscal Year 2020 VLCF grant manual to facilitate submission and ranking of the applications. Applicants were asked to submit land conservation proposals and to indicate a grant category for each project submitted. The pre-applications were reviewed and evaluated against the criteria for the chosen category. A ranked list from highest to lowest score was then tabulated for all of the projects submitted in each of the five different categories (see Ranking of Pre-Application Projects Received by Grant Category below).

Virginia Land Conservation Foundation grant funds are allocated by category pursuant to the formulas set out in subsections (C) and (D) of § 10.1-1020 the Code of Virginia. First, 25 percent of the budgeted total is transferred to the Virginia Outdoors Foundation's Open-Space Lands Preservation Trust Fund. The remaining 75 percent is divided equally among the following grant categories if the budgeted total is less than \$10 million: (i) farmlands and forest preservation; (ii) historic area preservation; (iii) natural area protection; and (iv) open spaces and parks. However, if the budgeted total is \$10 million or more, then the remaining 75 percent of funds are divided equally among five grant categories, with farmland preservation and forestland preservation each as their own category instead of sharing one funding category.

In 2019, VLCF also conducted a grant round to award Fiscal Year 2020 funding of \$4.5 million. For this funded grant round, VLCF received 34 grant applications requesting a total of \$16.5 million in grant funds. These projects proposed to conserve 18,248 acres throughout the Commonwealth. The Foundation was able to combine returned grant funds with appropriated funding and award a total of \$5.89 million to fund 19 conservation projects that will leverage \$36.5 million to protect more than 17,500 acres across Virginia.

For this newly required grant round, held from November 22 through December 13, 2019, VLCF received 86 applications, indicating the need for \$106.5 million to conserve 55,584 acres across the Commonwealth. The following pages include the rankings of the applications and the pre-application grant manual included as Appendix A.

Ranking of Pre-Application Projects Received by Grant Category

Farmlands Preservation										
No. Apps.	Applicant	Project Name	Acquisition or Easement	Acres	Location of Project	VA House District	VA Senate District	Cong. Dist.	Total Score Max. 90	Grant Request
1	Capital Region Land Conservancy	Retreat Farm	Easement	1,145.00	Hanover County	97	4	1	73.50	\$400,000
2	Trust for Public Land	East View Farm	Easement	565.00	Caroline County	99	4	1	66.25	\$240,000
3	Virginia Outdoors Foundation	Meherrin River Plantation	Easement	587.70	Southampton County	75	18	4	57.50	\$500,000
4	Potomac Conservancy	Indian Hollow Farm	Easement	388.00	Frederick County	29	27	10	57.38	\$388,000
5	Virginia Outdoors Foundation	Virginia Creeper Trail Farm Project	Easement	570.00	Washington County	5	40	9	53.75	\$715,000
6	Piedmont Environmental Council	Farmland Protection Along the Robinson River	Easement	592.00	Madison County	30	24	5	49.00	\$557,500
7	The Nature Conservancy	Brownsville Preserve Addition	Easement	26.61	Northampton County	100	6	2	40.00	\$45,000
8	Stafford County	Luck's Knoll Farm	Easement	49.13	Stafford County	88	27	1	33.88	\$337,000
8	Total Farmland Preservation Acres			3,923.44	Farmland Preservation Total Grant Request					\$3,182,500

Forestland Preservation										
No. Apps.	Applicant	Project Name	Acquisition or Easement	Acres	Location of Project	VA House District	VA Senate District	Cong. Dist.	Total Score Max. 90	Grant Request
1	New River Land Trust	Doe Mountain	Easement	992.00	Giles County	12	21	9	88.62	\$535,500
2	Va. Dept. of Game & Inland Fisheries	Eastern Shore Forest Conservation Initiative	Acquisition	8654.00	Accomack & Northampton Counties	100	6	2	86.56	\$1,000,000
3	New River Land Trust	Poverty Creek	Easement	519.00	Montgomery County	12	21	9	84.94	\$293,500
4	New River Land Trust	Brush Mountain	Easement	497.00	Montgomery County	12	21	9	83.97	\$282,000
5	Capital Region Land Conservancy	Weatherall	Easement	488.00	Powhatan County	65	10	7	83.88	\$350,000
6	The Conservation Fund	Stanley Land and Lumber Phase II	Acquisition	4,944.00	Charlotte County	60	15	5	82.38	\$1,000,000
7	The Nature Conservancy	Raccoon Creek Island	Easement	490.00	Southampton County	75	18	4	79.90	\$375,000
8	Va. Dept. of Forestry	Black Walnut Open Space Easement	Easement	1,767.00	Charlotte County	60	15	5	79.10	\$2,120,400
9	Potomac Conservancy	Simply Shenandoah	Easement	296.00	Shenandoah County	15	26	6	72.66	\$296,000
10	The Nature Conservancy	Three Creek - Capron	Easement	376.00	Southampton County	75	18	4	64.30	\$300,000
11	The Nature Conservancy	Cumberland Forest - Elk & Wildlife Mgmt Tracts	Acquisition	1,000.00	Buchanan & Dickinson Counties	3	38	9	63.60	\$225,000
12	Ever Green Team	Conservation Land Acquisition	Acquisition	122.86	Brunswick County				61.23	\$190,000
13	Va. Dept. of Forestry	Staunton Cove Open Space Easement	Easement	1,535.00	Halifax County	60	15	5	51.40	\$2,669,365
14	Va. Dept. of Forestry	Cove IV Open Space Easement	Easement	616.00	Halifax County	60	15	5	45.91	\$1,193,192
15	Ducks Unlimited, Inc.	Nansemond-Cross Swamp Acquisition	Acquisition	504.00	City of Suffolk	76	18	4	44.49	\$175,000
15	Total Forestland Preservation Acres			22,800.86	Forestland Preservation Total Grant Request				\$11,004,957	

Historic Area Preservation										
No. Apps.	Applicant	Project Name	Acquisition or Easement	Acres	Location of Project	VA House District	VA Senate District	Cong. Dist.	Total Score Max. 90	Grant Request
1	Capital Region Land Conservancy	Long Bridge Road	Acquisition	39.00	Henrico County	70	9	4	70.00	\$94,500
2	Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation	Erbach Property	Easement	120.24	Shenandoah County	15	26	6	60.00	\$322,125
3	American Battlefield Trust	Bohlen Tract at Rappahannock Station	Easement	219.26	Culpeper County	18	27	7	60.00	\$150,000
4	American Battlefield Trust	Buford Tract at Brandy Station	Easement	538.97	Culpeper County	18	27	7	50.00	\$1,250,000
5	American Battlefield Trust	Old Orange Road Tract at Cedar Mountain	Acquisition	44.75	Culpeper County	30	17	7	50.00	\$225,000
6	Fairfax County Park Authority	Historic Resource Park	Easement	57.77	Fairfax County	40	39	10	50.00	\$5,500,000
7	Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation	Terry Edwards Property	Acquisition	5.03	Rockingham County	25	24	6	40.00	\$84,500
8	American Battlefield Trust	Hancock Tract at Williamsburg	Acquisition	251.17	York County	96	1	2	40.00	\$3,000,000
9	Va. DCR State Parks	Mount Stuart Property	Acquisition	24.39	King George County	99	28	1	40.00	\$1,000,000
10	Va. DCR State Parks	Southside Railroad Farmville Train Station	Acquisition	0.08	Town of Farmville	60	22	5	25.00	\$500,000
10	Total Historic Area Preservation Acres			1,300.66	Historic Area Preservation Total Grant Request					\$12,126,125

Natural Area Preservation										
No. Apps.	Applicant	Project Name	Acquisition or Easement	Acres	Location of Project	VA House District	VA Senate District	Cong. Dist.	Total Score Max. 90	Grant Request
1	Living River Trust	Great Dismal Swamp Addition	Acquisition	611.00	City of Chesapeake	81	14	4	90.00	\$140,000
2	The Nature Conservancy	South Quay West	Acquisition	1,000.00	City of Franklin	75	18	4	90.00	\$1,250,000
3	The Nature Conservancy	Pinnacle State Natural Area Expansion - Weaver Creek	Acquisition	140.00	Russell County	4	38	9	90.00	\$170,000
4	The Nature Conservancy	Chub Sandhill West	Acquisition	2,430.00	Sussex County	75	18	4	90.00	\$5,000,000
5	Va. DCR- Division of Natural Heritage	Buffalo Mountain - Landscape Protection	Acquisition	2,300.00	Floyd County	7	19	9	90.00	\$13,000,000
6	Va. DCR- Division of Natural Heritage	Cape Charles - Mature Forest Protection	Acquisition	107.00	Northampton County	100	6	2	90.00	\$4,650,000
7	Va. DCR- Division of Natural Heritage	Cowbane Prairie - Riparian Buffer Protection	Acquisition	6.00	Augusta County	24	24	6	90.00	\$500,000
8	Va. DCR- Division of Natural Heritage	Magothy Bay - Growing Migratory Bird Habitat	Acquisition	43.60	Northampton County	100	6	2	90.00	\$265,000
9	Va. DCR- Division of Natural Heritage	Eastern Shore Migratory Bird Habitat	Acquisition	43.60	Northampton County	100	6	2	90.00	\$1,000,000
10	Va. DCR- Division of Natural Heritage	Pedlar Hills Natural Area Preserve Additions	Acquisition	200.00	Montgomery County	8	19	9	90.00	\$700,000
11	Northern Va. Regional Park Authority	Mount Aldie	Acquisition	255.00	Loudoun County	10	27	10	85.00	\$1,000,000
12	Virginia Dept. of Game and Inland Fisheries	Perkins Tract	Acquisition	641.00	Rockbridge & Botetourt Counties	24	25	6	85.00	\$734,500

Natural Area Preservation										
No. Apps.	Applicant	Project Name	Acquisition or Easement	Acres	Location of Project	VA House District	VA Senate District	Cong. Dist.	Total Score Max. 90	Grant Request
13	Va. DCR-Division of Natural Heritage	Hurricane Chapel Barren at The Cedars	Acquisition	269.00	Lee County	1	40	9	85.00	\$400,000
14	Va. DCR-Division of Natural Heritage	New Natural Area Preserve at Disputanta	Acquisition	6,100.00	Prince George County	64	15	4	85.00	\$12,000,000
15	Va. DCR-Division of Natural Heritage	Lyndhurst Ponds Addition	Acquisition	12.00	Augusta County	24	24	6	85.00	\$150,000
16	Va. DCR-Division of Natural Heritage	Deep Run Ponds - Resiliency Tracts	Acquisition	62.00	Rockingham County	58	24	6	80.00	\$500,000
17	Va. DCR-Division of Natural Heritage	Elklick Woodlands & Diabase Forest	Acquisition	10.00	Fairfax County	40	37	10	80.00	\$1,500,000
18	Va. DCR-Division of Natural Heritage	Southside Landscape-Scale Conservation	Acquisition	7,300.00	Halifax County	60	15	5	80.00	\$13,500,000
19	Va. DCR-Division of Natural Heritage	Chestnut Ridge Natural Area Preserve - Ecological Core Addition	Acquisition	2,399.00	Bland & Giles Counties	3	38	9	75.00	\$4,600,000
20	Va. DCR-Division of Natural Heritage	Dendron Swamp - Access Inholding	Acquisition	133.00	Sussex County	75	18	4	75.00	\$350,000
21	Capital Region Land Conservancy	Rocky Ford	Easement	711.00	Powhatan County	65	10	7	70.00	\$750,000
22	Va. DCR-Division of Natural Heritage	The Cedars - Sweet Potato Cave	Acquisition	24.00	Lee County	1	40	9	60.00	\$55,000
23	Va. DCR-Division of Natural Heritage	Eastern Shore - Kiptopeke Birds Buffer	Acquisition	25.00	Northampton County	100	6	2	55.00	\$200,000

Natural Area Preservation										
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24	Potomac Conservancy	Lake Saint Clair Forest	Easement	160.00	Frederick County	29	27	10	40.00	\$161,000
25	Potomac Conservancy	Sinking Spring Farm	Easement	90.60	Frederick County	29	27	10	40.00	\$90,600
26	Potomac Conservancy	Hunting Ridge Forest	Easement	100.00	Frederick County	29	27	10	40.00	\$100,000
26	Total Natural Areas Acres			25,172.80	Natural Areas Total Grant Request				\$62,766,100	

Open Spaces and Parks										
No. Apps.	Applicant	Project Name	Acquisition or Easement	Acres	Location of Project	VA House District	VA Senate District	Cong. Dist.	Total Score Max. 90	Grant Request
1	Va. DCR State Parks	Lake Caledon	Acquisition	455.00	King George County	99	28	1	80.00	\$6,600,000
2	Va. DCR State Parks	New River Trail Chestnut Creek Water Protection	Acquisition	23.05	Carroll County	5	40	9	75.00	\$225,000
3	The Nature Conservancy	Clinch River - Russell Creek Falls	Acquisition	60.00	Wise County	4	40	9	75.00	\$120,000
4	Va. DCR State Parks	James River State Park - River Road	Acquisition	164.00	Buckingham County	59	22	5	75.00	\$750,000
5	Living River Trust	McCoy Road Parcels	Acquisition	4.60	City of Chesapeake	78	14	4	70.00	\$262,500
6	Virginia Outdoors Foundation	Blackwater Conservation Acquisition	Acquisition	203.00	City of Franklin	75	18	4	70.00	\$500,000
7	Roanoke County Parks, Recreation, & Tourism	Roanoke River Greenway at Explore Park - Niagra	Acquisition	46.56	Roanoke County	17	19	6	70.00	\$134,500
8	Va. DCR State Parks	Shenandoah River State Park - Thunderbird Property	Acquisition	86.53	Warren County	15	26	6	70.00	\$1,700,000

Open Spaces and Parks										
No. Apps.	Applicant	Project Name	Acquisition or Easement	Acres	Location of Project	VA House District	VA Senate District	Cong. Dist.	Total Score Max. 90	Grant Request
9	Friends of the Lower Appomattox River	Closing the Gap: Appomattox River Trail Property Acquisition	Acquisition	7.90	City of Petersburg	63	16	4	70.00	\$60,000
10	Capital Region Land Conservancy	Dock Street	Easement	5.20	City of Richmond	71	16	4	60.00	\$1,000,000
11	City of Waynesboro	Basic Park Extension - Natural Area	Acquisition	44.20	City of Waynesboro	20	24	6	60.00	\$125,000
12	City of Charlottesville	Moore's Creek Land Acquisition	Acquisition	1.00	City of Charlottesville	57	25	5	60.00	\$75,000
13	Chesterfield County Parks & Recreation	Appomattox River Park System - CRLC & Greenwood Properties	Acquisition	25.09	Chesterfield County	62	16	4	60.00	\$372,500
14	Va. DCR State Parks	Machicomoco	Acquisition	20.50	King George County	98	3	1	60.00	\$750,000
15	Living River Trust	Locust Lane	Easement	5.24	City of Portsmouth	80	14	3	50.00	\$15,000
16	Living River Trust	Southport Land Company	Acquisition	73.60	City of Chesapeake	77	5	4	50.00	\$1,250,000
17	City of Charlottesville	Ragged Mountain Land Acquisition	Acquisition	5.00	Albemarle County	57	25	5	50.00	\$50,000
18	Va. DCR State Parks	James River State Park - Spears Mountain Road	Acquisition	306.00	Buckingham County	59	22	5	40.00	\$1,063,755
19	Va. DCR State Parks	Burkeville Berm	Acquisition	27.30	Nottoway County	61	15	5	40.00	\$125,000
20	Va. DCR State Parks	Camp Paradise	Acquisition	116.71	Prince Edward County	60	22	5	40.00	\$450,000
21	Nelson County Parks & Recreation	Schuyler VA Rockfish River Access	Easement	0.65	Nelson County	2	25	5	35.00	\$7,500

Open Spaces and Parks										
No. Apps.	Applicant	Project Name	Acquisition or Easement	Acres	Location of Project	VA House District	VA Senate District	Cong. Dist.	Total Score Max. 90	Grant Request
22	Appomattox River SWCD	Willcox Lake/Lee Park Recreation Area	Easement	330.00	City of Petersburg	63	16	4	35.00	\$300,000
23	Va. DCR State Parks	Sweet Run Ridge	Acquisition	313.27	Loudoun County	33	13	11	35.00	\$500,000
24	City of Hampton	Grandview Nature Preserve - Adjacent Property	Acquisition	0.49	City of Hampton	91	3	2	30.00	\$140,000
25	Virginia Outdoors Foundation	Camp Kum-Ba-Yah	Easement	44.00	City of Lynchburg	23	22	6	30.00	\$331,200
26	Town of Colonial Beach	Eleanor Park Conservation Easement	Easement	1.89	Town of Colonial Beach	99	28	1	25.00	\$463,500
27	Capital Region Land Conservancy	Bermuda Road	Acquisition	16.35	City of Richmond	69	16	4	25.00	\$107,500
27	Total Open Spaces & Parks Acres			2,387.13	Open Spaces & Parks Total Grant Request				\$17,477,955	

86	TOTAL ACRES	55,584.89	TOTAL GRANT REQUEST	\$106,557,637
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Virginia Land Conservation Foundation

2019 Special Pre-Application Grant Manual

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Administered by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation

I. PRE-APPLICATION GRANT ROUND OVERVIEW

[Chapter 539 of the Virginia Acts of Assembly](#) set out a new process for conducting land conservation grant rounds offered by the Virginia Land Conservation Foundation (the “Foundation” or “VLCF” intermittently) established in 1999 under Va. Code §§ 10.1-1017 through 10.1-1026.

This Pre-application Grant Round is being conducted to generate a ranked list of potential land conservation projects to be provided by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance by December 15, 2019.

This Pre-application Grant Manual and the process described herein, is intended to generate project proposals that will be ranked and form the required list to be reported to the General Assembly.

Should grant funding be provided in the state budget for fiscal year 2021, the VLCF Board will hold a full grant round to award those funds during calendar year 2020. The request for proposals will be open to all eligible applicants, including those who submit pre-applications for this process and those who did not.

II. SUBMITTING POTENTIAL PROJECTS

Applicants are requested to submit potential land conservation projects for consideration by submitting the Pre-application Information Packet (PIP) and requested information as described below.

Pre-application Information Packet (PIP)

The following items make up the PIP. *Only these listed items* should be submitted.

- 1) The **Pre-application Information Form** and requested information (found at the end of this grant manual)
- 2) An **aerial map** depicting the boundaries of the proposed project
- 3) A USGS 7.5' **topographic map** showing the boundaries of the proposed project and any perennial streams or rivers as depicted by a solid blue line
- 4) Pictures of the property, including photographs of the primary conservation values and resources to be protected

Pre-application Submission and Deadline

A valid pre-application submission includes a searchable **electronic version of the entire Pre-application Information Packet** (in searchable PDF format). This must be delivered to the Department of Conservation and Recreation **no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, December 13, 2019**. Please either deliver a CD or USB drive containing the PDF to the address below or email the PDF to larry.mikkelson@dcr.virginia.gov before the deadline.

Address:

**Department of Conservation and Recreation
Attention: Virginia Land Conservation Fund Grant Program
Office of Land Conservation
600 East Main Street, 24th Floor
Richmond, VA 23219**

General Inquiry: contact the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Office of Land Conservation, (804) 371-5218 or (804) 225-3010.

Important Program Information

- Pre-applications may be submitted by state agencies, localities, other public bodies, and registered (tax-exempt) nonprofit organizations that qualify as a holder under Va. Code § 10.1-1009. Projects may be either acquisitions of property in fee simple or conservation or open-space easements.
- Pre-applications must be for land conservation projects whereby the landowner has already been engaged and for which specific properties (tax parcels) are being sought for acquisition or conservation or open-space easements.
- Proposals must be for a minimum of \$20,000 in total expense or a possible grant request of no less than \$10,000.
- When preparing a pre-application the following should be considered:
 - ◆ VLCF can fund the purchase of property in fee, or the purchase of a conservation easement to protect the property's conservation values
 - ◆ VLCF can pay up to 50% of costs associated with the project (100% for state agencies)
 - ◆ The pre-application must be for **specific property** and clearly identified in the proposal

- ◆ VLCF requires 35' permanent vegetated buffers on all perennial streams, rivers, shorelines, or bodies of water with perennial outflow
- ◆ Properties in a proposal submitted by a non-profit entity must be protected by an easement held or co-held by a public body
- ◆ If match property is being considered rather than a cash match, the property must be geographically or ecologically connected to the subject property

Pre-application Scoring Categories

Pre-applications may be submitted under one of the five following scoring categories.

1. Farmlands Preservation
2. Forest Preservation
3. Historic Area Preservation
4. Natural Area Preservation
5. Open Spaces and Parks

As set out in Va. Code § 10.1-1020 (C)(2), farmlands and forest preservation share a funding category if less than \$10 million is appropriated for a regular VLCF grant round. While this is usually a single funding category, separate criteria have been developed for agricultural lands and for forestal lands. The applicant should use the set of criteria that is most appropriate for the project being submitted.

Pre-application Review and Scoring

Pre-applications will be reviewed and evaluated under the chosen category as indicated on the application. The scores in this interim process are predominantly based on mapped data and information available on the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Natural Heritage Data Explorer: <https://vanhde.org/>. This site includes the publicly accessible ConserveVirginia Map and the Virginia Conservation Vision map layers. Other project information will also be considered as specified under each category.

Please be sure to answer all of the questions in the Pre-application Information Form for your chosen category **and the additional water quality points on page 7.**

Scoring for each category will be based on the criteria below. The maximum score for a project is 90 points (60 points for the chosen category plus 30 additional points for water quality criteria). Project boundaries submitted by applicants will be reviewed using maps of conservation priority resources to score the applications.

Farmlands Preservation (60 points max)

- ConserveVirginia: Agriculture and Forestry Category [20 points]
- Soil Productivity: Percent of soils classified as Prime, Unique and Important multiplied by 25 [up to 25 points]
- Adjacent to Conserved Lands [5 points]
- Best Management Practices: Are BMPs being implemented on the subject property [10 points]

Forest Preservation (60 points max)

- ConserveVirginia: Agriculture and Forestry Category [20 points]
- Acreage: 0.5 point for every 50 acres [up to 10 points]
- Percent Forested: percent forested multiplied by 10 [up to 10 points]
- Percent High Conservation Value: FCV 4 and 5 percentage multiplied by 15 [up to 15 points]
- Adjacent to Conserved Land [5 points]

Historic Area Preservation (60 points max)

- ConserveVirginia: Cultural and Historic Preservation Category [20 points]
- Historic Significance: Listed or determined by DHR to be eligible for listing on the Virginia Landmarks Register (25 points); battlefield property identified with a priority rating in one of the following reports issued by the National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program: 'Report on the Nation's Civil War Battlefields" (1993, as amended), or "Report to Congress on the Historic Preservation of Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Sites in the United States," (2007, as amended) (25 points); and designated as a National Historic Landmark (10 points) [up to 35 points]
- Adjacent to Conserved Lands [up to 5 points]

Natural Area Preservation (60 points max)

- ConserveVirginia: Natural Habitat and Biological Diversity Category [20 points]
- Biodiversity Significance: Within a Natural Heritage Conservation Site (20 points); Natural Heritage elements present (e.g. rare plant or animal species populations, exemplary natural communities, or unique geologic features) (10 points); Biodiversity rank of Conservation Site indicating global significance (5 points) [up to 35 points]
- Adjacent to Conserved Lands/Connectivity: Is the parcel adjacent to other conservation lands with Biodiversity Management Intent (BMI)? [5 points]

Open Spaces and Parks (60 points max)

- ConserveVirginia: Scenic Category and Protected Landscapes Resilience Category 10 points each [20 points]

- Public Access to State Waters [15 points]
- Scenic Resources Identified and Protected [10 points]
- Densely Populated or Developing Areas: Locality with a population of 90,000 or more, or a Class V in the Development Vulnerability Model [5 points]
- Adjacent to Parks and Conserved Lands [10 points]

Additional Water Quality Points for all Categories (30 points max)

- Is the project within the Floodplains and Floodplain Resilience Category of ConserveVirginia? [10 points]
- Are there perennial streams, rivers, shoreline, or bodies of water on the property that will have permanent vegetated buffers excluding livestock that are 100 feet in width? [10 points]
- Will the permanent vegetated buffers be forested? [10 points]

**Virginia Land Conservation Foundation Grant Program
Office of the Secretary of Natural Resources
Pre-application Information Form 2019**

Entity submitting the proposal: _____

Contact Person: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Type of Entity: Locality State Agency Nonprofit

Project Name: _____

(Note: do not use landowner's name without their permission as the project names will be widely distributed)

Street address of the property (No P.O. Boxes): _____

Tax Parcel Number(s): _____

Project Specifics: *(click to place an X in the box for **all** statements below that apply)*

Fee-simple acquisition by the grant applicant

Fee-simple acquisition by entity other than the grant applicant

Name of entity acquiring land: _____

Easement to be held by the grant applicant

Easement to be held by an entity other than the grant applicant

Name of entity holding easement: _____

Other *(describe briefly here) (additional info can be provided later in the application):*

Total acres to be protected: _____ Project location (county/city/town): _____

Virginia House District #: _____ Virginia Senate District #: _____ Congressional District #: _____

Scoring Category: *(choose only one)*

Farmlands

Forest

Historic

Natural Area

Open Space & Parks

Total Project Cost (\$\$): _____ Total VLCF Grant Request (\$\$): _____

Brief Project Narrative (no more than 250 words)

For Farmlands Preservation

- Is the project in the Agriculture and Forestry Category of ConserveVirginia? _____
- What percentage of soils are classified as Prime, Unique and Important? _____
- Are BMPs being implemented on the subject property? _____
- Is the property adjacent to other conserved lands? _____

For Forest Preservation

- Is the project in the Agriculture and Forestry Category of ConserveVirginia? _____
- What is the acreage of the property? _____
- What percentage of the property is in forested condition? _____
- What percent of the property is high forest conservation value (FCV 4 and 5)? _____
- Is the property adjacent to other conserved lands? _____

For Historic Area Preservation

- Is the project in the Cultural and Historic Preservation Category of ConserveVirginia? _____
- Is the property listed on the Virginia Landmarks Register? _____ If not, has DHR determined the property is eligible to be listed on the VLR? _____
- Is the property a battlefield property identified with a priority rating by the National Park Service’s American Battlefield Protection Program? _____
- Has the property been designated as a National Historic Landmark? _____
- Is the property adjacent to other conserved lands? _____

For Natural Area Preservation

- Is the project in the Natural Habitat and Biological Diversity Category of ConserveVirginia? _____
- Is the project located within a conservation site? _____
- Are there heritage elements present on the property? _____
- Does the project have global significance? _____
- What is the biodiversity rank of the conservation site? _____
- Is the parcel adjacent to other conservation lands with Biodiversity Management Intent (BMI)? _____

For Open Spaces and Parks

- Is the project in the Scenic Category of ConserveVirginia? _____
- Is the project in the Protected Landscapes Resilience Category of ConserveVirginia? _____

- Does the project provide public access to state waters? _____
- Does the project identify scenic resources and protect those scenic resources? _____
- Is the property located in a densely populated or rapidly developing area? _____
- Is the property adjacent to another park or other conserved lands? _____

***** Additional Water Quality Points for All Categories *****

- Is the project within the Floodplains and Floodplain Resilience Category of ConserveVirginia?

- Are there perennial streams, rivers, shoreline, or bodies of water on the property that will have permanent vegetated buffers that exclude livestock and are 100 feet in width? _____
- Will the permanent vegetated buffers be forested? _____