

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

**2020 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 September 22 through October 30, 2020.

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 2022 Appropriations Act, then the Virginia Land Conservation Foundation will conduct an official and comprehensive grant round in Calendar Year 2021 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 September 22 through October 30, 2020, to identify and rank them for this report. In these five weeks, a total of 61 applications were received, requesting \$79.5 million to conserve 32,166 acres across Virginia.

For this 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 2021 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 2020, due to budget uncertainties caused by the pandemic, the Foundation also began the Fiscal Year 2021 VLCF grant round on September 22, 2020, with \$4.5 million of funding. Applications for this grant round are due by November 30, 2020. The Foundation is expected to meet in January 2021 to award grants to those projects that rank the highest in each grant category. Because the reconvened Session finalized an appropriation of \$10 million for VLCF, the Foundation will also start another grant round for the remaining \$5.5 million in early 2021.

The following pages include the rankings of the pre-applications received in 2020. The pre-application grant manual is 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	The Piedmont Environmental Council	Farmland Protection at Montpelier Station	Esmt	383.00	Orange County	30	17	7	73.50	\$227,500
2	Virginia Outdoors Foundation	Round Hill Swamp	Esmt	705.37	Southampton County	75	18	4	72.50	\$526,300
3	Capital Region Land Conservancy	Rockahock Farm	Esmt	585.50	New Kent County	97	3	4	66.50	\$1,500,000
3	Total Farmland Preservation Acres			1,673.87	Farmland Preservation Total Grant Request				\$2,253,800	

Forestland Preservation										
No.	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	Virginia Outdoors Foundation	Aubrey Farms	Esmt	880.00	Southampton County	75	18	4	81.30	\$200,000
2	The Conservation Fund	Stanley Land and Lumber	Fee	2,413.00	Charlotte County	60	15	5	72.00	\$500,000
3	Virginia Dept. of Wildlife Resources	E. Shore Forest Conservation Initiative II	Fee	749.00	Accomack County	100	6	2	70.79	\$500,000
4	The Nature Conservancy	Nottoway River Bend	F/E	300.00	Sussex County	75	18	4	66.00	\$300,000
5	Capital Region Land Conservancy	Adkins - Pocahontas Trail	Fee	40.00	New Kent County	97	3	4	58.15	\$175,000
5	Total Forestland Preservation Acres			4,382.00	Forestland Preservation Total Grant Request				\$1,675,000	

Historic Area Preservation										
No.	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	Four Mile Creek Farm	Fee	73.00	Henrico County	70	9	4	80.00	\$500,000
2	Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation	Barb Farm	Esmt	108.00	Shenandoah County	15	26	6	70.00	\$240,000
3	American Battlefield Trust	Lyons Tract at Wilderness Battlefield	F/E	350.00	Spotsylvania County	88	28	7	70.00	\$1,750,000
4	Capital Region Land Conservancy	Drexel-Morrell Center	Fee	56.48	Powhatan County	65	10	7	65.00	\$150,000
5	Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation	Graystone	F/E	39.00	Frederick County	33	27	10	60.00	\$50,000
6	American Battlefield Trust	Spillman Tracts at Brandy Station Battlefield	F/E	505.17	Culpeper County	18	27	7	60.00	\$2,000,000
7	Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation	Shifflett	Esmt	146.00	Augusta County	25	24	6	40.00	\$185,000
8	Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation	Diehl	Esmt	133.00	Rockingham County	58	24	6	40.00	\$145,000
8	Total Historic Area Preservation Acres			1,410.65	Historic Area Preservation Total Grant Request				\$5,020,000	

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	DCR-DNH	Buffalo Mountain - Landscape Protection	Fee	2,300.00	Floyd County	7	19	9	90.00	\$13,000,000

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
2	DCR-DNH	Pedlar Hills NAP Additions	Fee	200.00	Montgomery County	8	19	9	90.00	\$700,000
3	DCR-DNH	Southside Landscape-Scale Conservation	Fee	7,300.00	Halifax County	60	15	5	89.00	\$13,500,000
4	The Nature Conservancy	South Quay West	Fee	1,000.00	Franklin	75	18	4	89.00	\$1,250,000
5	DCR-DNH	Dendron Swamp - Access Inholding	Fee	133.00	Sussex County	75	18	4	88.00	\$350,000
6	DCR-DNH	New Natural Area Preserve at Disputanta	Fee	6,100.00	Prince George County	64	15	4	87.00	\$12,000,000
7	Rappahannock Tribe of Virginia	Rappahannock Tribal Lands at Fones Cliff	Fee	484.00	Richmond County	99	4	1	87.00	\$1,000,000
8	The Nature Conservancy	Pinnacle State Natural Area Expansion - Weaver Creek	Fee	140.00	Russell County	4	38	9	79.00	\$175,000
9	DCR-DNH	Chestnut Ridge NAP - Ecological Core Addition	Fee	2,399.00	Bland/Giles Counties	3	38	9	78.00	\$4,600,000
10	DCR-DNH	Elklick Woodlands and Diabase Forest	Fee	10.00	Fairfax County	40	37	10	78.00	\$1,500,000
11	Living River Trust	Great Dismal Swamp Addition	Fee	116.00	Chesapeake	81	14	4	78.00	\$125,000
12	NOVA Parks	Mount Aldie	Fee	255.00	Loudoun County	10	27	10	76.00	\$1,000,000
13	VA Dept. of Wildlife Resources	Copper Creek Conservation Initiative	Fee	5.00	Scott County	40	1	9	74.00	\$20,000
14	DCR-DNH	Deep Run Ponds - Resiliency Tracts	Fee	280.00	Rockingham County	58	24	6	70.00	\$1,250,000

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
15	DCR-DNH	Cape Charles - Mature Forest Protection	Fee	77.00	Northampton County	100	6	2	68.00	\$2,800,000
15	Total Natural Areas Acres			20,799.00	Natural Areas Total Grant Request				\$53,270,000	

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
1	Living River Trust	McCoy Road Parcels	F/E	4.60	Chesapeake	78	14	4	90.00	\$375,000
2	Friends of the Lower Appomattox River	Appomattox River Trail Greenway Connection - VSU to Colonial Heights	F/E	7.00	Colonial Heights	63	16	4	90.00	\$105,000
3	The Piedmont Environmental Council	Rappahannock River Park Project	Fee	46.53	Culpeper County	30	24	7	90.00	\$390,000
4	Town of Woodstock	Park Ave Property	Fee	16.13	Woodstock	15	26	6	85.00	\$125,000
5	NOVA Parks	River Farm	Fee	27.58	Fairfax County	44	30	8	80.00	\$500,000
6	Middle Peninsula Ches. Bay Public Access Auth.	Hoskins Creek Waterfront Land Acquisition in Tappahannock	F/E	6.91	Tappahannock	98	3	1	80.00	\$274,500
7	DCR-Parks	James River State Park - River Road	Fee	164.00	Buckingham County	59	22	5	80.00	\$750,000
8	DCR-Parks	Wilderness Road Viewshed Link Property	Fee	68.60	Lee County	1	40	9	80.00	\$325,850
9	Amherst County	Riveredge Trail	F/E	3.00	Amherst County	23/24	23	6	80.00	\$100,000
10	Living River Trust	Newton Neck	F/E	73.60	Chesapeake	77	5	4	80.00	\$550,000

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
11	Friends of the Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail	Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail	Fee	238.72	King George County	99	28	1	80.00	\$400,000
12	Friends of the Lower Appomattox River	Appomattox River Trail Connection - Ettrick Section	F/E	19.12	Chesterfield County	62	16	4	75.00	\$372,500
13	The Conservation Fund	Nottoway River Longleaf and Wildlife	Fee	1,597.00	Sussex County	75	18	4	75.00	\$600,000
14	Roanoke County	Long Ridge Conservation Area	Fee	134.35	Roanoke County	8	19	6	70.00	\$260,000
15	Roanoke County	Roanoke River Greenway and Blueway at Explore Park	Fee	46.56	Roanoke County	17	19	6	70.00	\$155,250
16	Amherst County	Central Virginia Tournament, Fair and Campground	Fee	151.55	Amherst County	23/24	23	6	70.00	\$500,000
17	Northern Virginia Conservation Trust	Accotink Floodplain and Trail Conservation Project	Fee	6.70	Fairfax County	39	34	11	70.00	\$80,000
18	DCR-Parks	James River State Park - Spears Mountain Road	Fee	306.00	Buckingham County	59	22	5	65.00	\$1,063,755
19	Prince William Co.	Prince William Parkway Buffers	Esmt	100.00	Prince William County	51	39/29	1	65.00	\$500,000
20	City of Waynesboro	Basic Park Extension - Natural Area	Fee	44.2	Waynesboro	20	24	6	60.00	\$75,000
21	Northern Virginia Conservation Trust	Prince William Forest Park Inholding # 34	Fee	16.50	Prince William County	31	36	1	60.00	\$217,000
22	Henry County	Smith River Complex Expansion	F/E	114.00	Henry County	14	20	5	55.00	\$400,000

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
23	Capital Region Land Conservancy	Reedy Creek	Fee	6.58	Richmond	69	10	4	50.00	\$1,100,000
24	Essex County	Rotary Poor House Park	Esmt	436.02	Essex County	98	4	1	45.00	\$250,000
25	Prince William Co.	Neabsco Creek Acquisitions	Fee	55.84	Prince William County	31/39	29	11/1	45.00	\$1,400,000
26	Prince William Co.	Lake Jackson Acquisitions	Fee	41.24	Prince William County	51	29	10	45.00	\$1,125,000
27	Prince William Co.	Telegraph Road Acquisitions	Fee	82.16	Prince William County	52	36	11	45.00	\$4,000,000
28	City of Richmond	James River Branch Rail Line	F/E	44.33	Richmond	69	16	4	45.00	\$500,000
29	Capital Region Land Conservancy	6140 Hull Street Road	Fee	18.30	Richmond	69	10	4	40.00	\$550,000
30	Valley Conservation Council	Betsy Bell Park Addition	Fee	23.00	Staunton	20	24	6	30.00	\$225,000
30	Total Open Spaces & Parks Acres			3,900.12	Open Spaces & Parks Total Grant Request				\$17,268,855	

61	TOTAL ACRES	32,165.64	TOTAL GRANT REQUEST	\$79,487,655
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Virginia Land Conservation Foundation

2020 Special Pre-Application Grant Manual

Adoption Date: September 22, 2020

Administered by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation

I. PRE-APPLICATION GRANT ROUND OVERVIEW

[Chapter 539 of the 2019 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) 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, 2020.

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 2022, then the VLCF Board will hold a full grant round to award those funds during calendar year 2021. 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, October 30, 2020**. 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**

IMPORTANT NOTICE: If Larry Mikkelson does not respond confirming receipt of your Pre-application materials, and also email that your materials have been processed, follow-up with him by email.

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 that may be mowed one time per calendar year or 100' vegetated buffers that may be mowed three times per year, 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 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 is 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 & Ecosystem 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: Any category of ConserveVirginia and daily public access [20 points]
- Public Access to State Waters [10 points]
- A new public recreational opportunity [10 points]
- Scenic Resources Identified and Protected [5 points]
- Benefitting an underserved population [10 points]
- Adjacent to Parks and Conserved Lands [5 points]

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

- Is the project within the Floodplains and Floodplain Resilience Category or the Water Quality Improvement 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 2020**

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 Conserve Virginia? _____
- 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 Conserve Virginia? _____
- 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 Conserve Virginia? _____
- 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? _____
- Is the property 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 & Ecosystem Diversity Category of Conserve Virginia? _____
- 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 it adjacent to other conservation lands with Biodiversity Management Intent (BMI)? _____

For Open Spaces and Parks

- Is the project in any category of Conserve Virginia? _____
- Does the project provide public access to state waters? _____
- Does the project provide daily public access? _____
- Does the project conserve a new outdoor recreational opportunity? _____
- Does the project identify scenic resources and protect those scenic resources? _____
- Does the project provide a recreational resource to an underserved population according to the VIMS Social Vulnerability Index or other related model? _____
- Is the property adjacent to another park or other conserved lands? _____

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

- Is the project in the Floodplains and Floodplain Resilience Category or the Water Quality Improvement Category of Conserve Virginia? _____
- 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? _____