

DuPont – Waynesboro Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Settlement

Proposal Submission Procedures for:

- **Land Protection, Acquisition, and Enhancement Projects**
- **Migratory Songbird Habitat Restoration and Protection Projects**

August 25, 2017

Administered by the Virginia Secretary of Natural Resources

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document is to solicit project recommendations consistent with the terms of the DuPont-Waynesboro Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration settlement described below. The recommendations will be provided to the Secretary of Natural Resources for the Secretary's use as part of the DuPont Waynesboro Trustee Council (Trustee Council). The Trustee Council consists of two Trustees: the Secretary of Natural Resources on behalf of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the U.S. Department of the Interior, acting by and through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The Trustee Council is responsible for the identification, selection, and implementation of projects pursuant to the *DuPont Waynesboro – South River/South Fork Shenandoah River/Shenandoah River* Restoration Plan/Environmental Assessment (RP/EA), which was developed with public input to restore natural resources and the services they provide that were injured by releases of mercury from the DuPont Waynesboro Site. The United States, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company (DuPont) lodged a Consent Decree (CD), which included the RP/EA as Appendix B, on December 15, 2016 with the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia, Harrisonburg Division. The Court entered the CD on July 28, 2017.

Under the terms of the CD, DuPont is required to pay \$42,069,916.78 to the Trustees. There are multiple funding categories, but the two that will be evaluated through this proposal submission process are the following:

- 1. \$19 million for Land Protection Projects**
- 2. \$2.5 million for Migratory Songbird Projects**

All funds will be utilized for restoration, rehabilitation, replacement, or acquisition of equivalent natural resources.

The Virginia Land Conservation Foundation (VLCF) will administer this proposal submission process, will score the projects that are submitted, and the VLCF Board will provide recommendations to the Secretary of Natural Resources. The Secretary will then review these recommendations and bring the projects to the Trustee Council. Ultimately, the Trustee Council is jointly empowered to make final decisions on project selection.

FOR INFORMATION

- Information about the settlement, consent decree, and other materials may be found here: https://www.fws.gov/northeast/virginiafield/environmentalcontaminants/dupont_waynesboro.html
- Copies of this Proposal Procedure document and other materials related to this grant process may be found here: <http://naturalresources.virginia.gov/initiatives/dupont-settlement-grants/>

¹ This includes funds that will be set aside for acquisition of the Cowbane Wet Prairie State Natural Area Preserve (CWP NAP) – Willets Tract Addition and Forest Restoration as set forth in the CD.

3. Contact Information for Land Protection Project and Migratory Songbird Project grants:

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PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

1. Proposals may be submitted by agencies, localities, public bodies, and registered (501(c)(3) tax-exempt) nonprofit organizations.
2. Proposals may be acquisitions in fee simple, conservation or open-space easements, and recreational or wildlife enhancement projects.
3. Proposals must be for a minimum of \$200,000 in total cost.
4. The reported value of any property, whether fee-simple or easement, must be substantiated by an approved appraisal that meets the requirements of Va. Code § 58.1-512.1 and that conforms to the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice, completed no more than six months prior to the payment of grant funds. A full appraisal is not required at the time of submission but is encouraged. If a full appraisal is not available, an applicant may submit a preliminary appraisal.
5. For a registered nonprofit organization seeking to hold easements, the holder/applicant shall provide documentation that the organization meets the holder requirements in the Virginia Conservation Easement Act, Va. Code §§ 10.1-1009 to 10.1-1017.
6. Applicants must demonstrate that the landowner(s) has/have been notified and is/are receptive to negotiation on proposed projects. A letter from the landowner(s) indicating willingness is preferred.
7. The applicant should demonstrate that they will have the necessary funding and staffing to manage the property in a manner that will achieve the purposes described in the application categories.
8. The proposed Land Protection Project must be for a specific site or sites.
9. The applicant should demonstrate that resources are in place to complete the acquisition phase of the Land Protection Project within two years.
10. All Land Protection Projects and Migratory Songbird Projects undertaken by registered nonprofit organizations, whether fee simple or easements, must be protected by a conservation easement in perpetuity that is held or co-held by a state or federal agency.
11. The conditions to be contained within a conservation easement include, but are not limited to, the amount of development permitted (residential/agricultural, etc.), riparian buffer requirements, historic-resource protections, preservation of forest acreage, and any allowed or disallowed land use or land-management practices.

12. A Phase 1 Environmental Assessment is required for fee-simple acquisition projects (not easement projects) if such project is selected by the Trustee Council.
13. Applicants whose projects are selected may be included in press releases. Since some landowners prefer not to have their names published, please consider that when naming the project.

INELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Projects proposals will not be considered by the Commonwealth if any of the following situations are true:

- Project is otherwise required by federal, state, or local laws, regulations, permits, or licenses.
- Significant adverse environmental impacts would result from the project, and such impacts are not adequately mitigated.
- Potential for significant adverse effects to human health and safety would result from the project, and such effects are not adequately mitigated.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

The opening date for this grant proposal submission process is August 25, 2017, and submissions must be received by October 9, 2017.

Three (3) original applications on paper plus an electronic version on a CD or USB drive should be delivered to the Secretary of Natural Resources at the address below.

By U.S. Mail:

Office of the Secretary of Natural Resources
Attn: DuPont Settlement – Land Protection
P.O. Box 1475
Richmond, Virginia 23218

By UPS, Courier or other means:

Office of the Secretary of Natural Resources
Attn: DuPont Settlement – Land Protection
Patrick Henry Building, 4th Floor
1111 E. Broad St.
Richmond, Virginia 23219

If converting electronic files to PDF format, please ensure that the file is searchable. Each paper copy should be printed on 8.5 x 11 paper, and should be firmly attached with binder clips. All photos and images should also be printed or mounted on 8.5 x 11 paper and be of quality suitable for reproduction by photocopier. It is not necessary to submit 3 sets of original images, but all reproduced images must be clear.

PROJECT EVALUATION

Land Protection Projects and Migratory Songbird Projects must meet the requirements outlined in the RP/EA, available here:

https://www.fws.gov/northeast/virginiafield/environmentalcontaminants/dupont_waynesboro.html.

- See Section 5.1 and Section 5.3.4 (Tables 6 and 7) for evaluation criteria
- See Section 5.3.3 for Migratory Songbird Projects
- See Section 5.3.5 for additional information about Land Protection Projects

The primary evaluation criteria for **Land Protection Projects** include:

- Evaluation of the relationship of the Land Protection Project to the injured resources impacted by the release of mercury and nexus between the restoration project and the injury, including:
 - Similar natural resource values as those injured (*e.g.*, same suite of species and/or habitats restored as those that were injured);
 - Proximity to the South River/South Fork Shenandoah River watersheds;
 - Generate benefits (quantitative and qualitative) similar to the injured natural resource (*e.g.*, increase in acres/species/services) and over time, provide benefits of significance to restoring the resource.
- Evaluation of the likelihood of success and technical feasibility, including:
 - Land Protection Project can be accomplished with the available technology;
 - Similar land protection projects have succeeded in the past;
 - Costs are reasonably related to expected benefits.
- Evaluation of regulatory and policy considerations, including:
 - Federal, state and local law, regulation or ordinance compliance;
 - Site ownership and access;
 - Consistency with Trustee policy, management goals and objectives, as well as local, regional, and national restoration goals and initiatives.

The primary evaluation criteria for **Migratory Songbird Projects** include:

- Evaluation of the relationship of the migratory songbird project to the injured resources impacted by the release of mercury and nexus between restoration project and injury, including:
 - Similar natural resource values as those injured, (*e.g.*, same suite of species and/or habitats restored as those that were injured);
 - Generate benefits (quantitative and qualitative) similar to the injured natural resource (*e.g.*, increase in acres/species/services) and over time, provide benefits of significance to restoring the resource.
- Evaluation of the likelihood of success and technical feasibility, including:

- o Migratory Songbird Project can be accomplished with the available technology;
- o Similar projects have succeeded in the past;
- o Costs are reasonably related to expected benefits.
- Evaluation of regulatory and policy considerations, including:
 - o Federal, state and local law compliance;
 - o Site ownership and access;
 - o Consistency with Trustee policy, management goals and objectives, as well as local, regional, and national restoration goals and initiatives.

APPLICATION REVIEW STEPS

Step 1 –A technical team from the Secretary of Natural Resources’ office and the Department of Conservation and Recreation will review and score proposals and present them to the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Land Conservation Foundation.

Step 2 –The Virginia Land Conservation Foundation Board of Trustees will review the proposals and make funding recommendations to the Secretary of Natural Resources.

Step 3 – The Secretary of Natural Resources will review the recommendations and will bring the recommendations to the Trustee Council for consideration.

Step 4 – The Trustee Council (consisting of the Secretary of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service), will jointly make the final project selection and funding decisions.

PROJECT APPLICATION

1. Applicant: _____

2. Address: _____

3. Contact person: _____ Title: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email address: _____

4. Location of land protection project: _____

City/County: _____

5. Type of applicant: ___ State ___ Local ___ Regional

___ Other public body ___ Registered non-profit organization *

Location of office in Virginia _____

Number of years office maintained in Virginia _____

**If you are a registered nonprofit organization, provide documentation that you are registered and in good standing with the State Corporation Commission. The URL of the organization's SCC Business Entity Details page will suffice: <https://sccefile.scc.virginia.gov/Find/Business>*

6. Select the Primary Category for which you feel your project would best qualify for funding.

___ Land Protection Project ___ Migratory Songbird Project

If you chose to select both project categories, provide a brief explanation of the ways in which the project supports both categories. Please complete all questions and provide the information that pertains to both categories.

7. Name of project _____

Please note that names will be publicized, and landowners may prefer not to have their names in press releases.)

8. a) Type of project: ___ Fee simple acquisition ___ Easement

b) Amount of funds requested _____

c) Number of acres to be protected or acquired _____

d) Anticipated land acquisition/easement completion date _____

e) Anticipated project completion date _____

9. Access:

___ Opportunities for recreational fishing access

- Public access will be allowed (61 – 365 days/year)
- Limited public access will be allowed (1 – 60 days/year)
- No public access allowed

10. Landowner(s) has/have been notified and is/are receptive to negotiation on proposed projects Yes No

Letter from landowner(s) attached Yes No

11. If application is being made by a registered nonprofit organization, show documentation that a public body is willing to be the holder or co-holder of the conservation easement on the funded property.

12. State the length (in feet) of intermittent and/or perennial streams, wetlands, and water bodies that are present on or border the property: _____

13. Does the property include streamside fencing or permanent vegetated buffers at least 35 feet wide next to streams, rivers, shorelines, or wetlands? Yes No

[If yes, please provide the linear feet of vegetated buffers and streamside fencing on the property]

14. Give description of the Land Protection Project with attention to the scoring criteria.

- a) Describe the scope of work and anticipated results, including protection details and/or protection that will be provided by a conservation easement.
- b) Describe contributions of the land protection project in meeting the purposes and criteria of the DuPont - Waynesboro RP/EA (found here: https://www.fws.gov/northeast/virginiafield/environmentalcontaminants/dupont_waynesboro.html)
- c) Describe natural resource values and their similarity to those injured (refer to the DuPont Waynesboro RP/EA for information on injured resources).
- d) Describe proximity to the South River / South Fork Shenandoah River Watershed and/or relevance to resources that were impacted in that area.
- e) Describe the cost and project leverage.
- f) Describe how the land protection project is consistent with or complements local and regional plans.
- g) Describe how the proposal addresses any potential risk to or loss of natural lands.
- h) For conservation easement projects, provide a list or summary of the restrictions that will be included in the easement, including riparian buffer requirements, preservation of forest acreage, and limitations on allowed development.
- i) Describe any restoration activities proposed on the project site including acres/miles, actions, and costs. Specify whether or not costs of restoration are included and requested as part of this application.
- j) List the names of organizations, cooperators, consultants, and others that will work on the land protection project, and state what role each partner will play.
- k) Give a minimum ten-year (10) history of the subject property.
- l) Include an assessment of property market value. **Full appraisals are not required at the time of application submittal.**

- m) Discuss the landowner's short-term and long-term management and monitoring plans for the site.
- n) State the length of time that will be required to complete the Land Protection Project as well as any factors that might accelerate or delay the project.
- o) Describe alignment of the project with other goals and initiatives, including habitat connectivity, evidence of rare species (list the species, rank, and status), evidence of exemplary natural communities (see <http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural-heritage/natural-communities/>), and public use or access.
- p) Describe whether the project is located within a natural landscape core as identified in the Virginia Natural Landscape Assessment (the model can be found at <http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural-heritage/vaconvisvnl>).
- q) Describe whether the project will be monitored and what the monitoring plan may be.
- r) Show the geographic location with maps (preferably include USGS 7.5 minute topographic map suitable for 8½" x 11" reproduction and an aerial photograph).

15. Give description of the Migratory Songbird Project with attention to the scoring criteria.

- a) Describe the scope of work and anticipated accomplishments, including how the project will provide full life cycle benefits to migratory birds (e.g., provides known nesting habitat for impacted species, species use the habitat for feeding). Include protection details and/or protection that will be provided by a conservation easement.
- b) Describe contributions of the land protection project in meeting the purposes and criteria of the DuPont - Waynesboro RP/EA (found here: https://www.fws.gov/northeast/virginiafield/environmentalcontaminants/dupont_waynesboro.html)
- c) Describe natural resource values and their similarity to those migratory birds injured (refer to the DuPont Waynesboro RP/EA for information on injured resources).
- d) Describe proximity to the South River / South Fork Shenandoah River Watershed and/or relevance to migratory birds that were impacted in that area.
- e) Describe the cost and project leverage.
- f) Describe how the land protection project is consistent with or complements local and regional plans.
- g) Describe how the proposal addresses any potential risk to or loss of natural lands.
- h) For conservation easement projects, provide a list or summary of the restrictions that will be included in the easement, including riparian buffer requirements, preservation of forest acreage, and limitations on allowed development.
- i) Describe any restoration activities proposed on the project site including acres/miles, actions, and costs. Specify whether or not costs of restoration are included and requested as part of this application.
- j) List the names of organizations, cooperators, consultants, and others that will work on the land protection project, and state what role each partner will play.
- k) Give a minimum ten-year (10) history of the subject property.
- l) Include an assessment of property market value. **Full appraisals are not required at the time of application submittal.**
- m) Discuss the landowner's short-term and long-term management and monitoring plans for the site.
- n) State the length of time that will be required to complete the Land Protection Project as well as any factors that might accelerate or delay the project.
- o) Describe alignment of the project with other goals and initiatives, including habitat connectivity and project relevance to important migratory bird areas.

- p) Describe whether the project is located within a natural landscape core as identified in the Virginia Natural Landscape Assessment (the model can be found at <http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural-heritage/vaconvisvnl>).
- q) Describe whether the project will be monitored and what the monitoring plan may be.
- r) Show the geographic location with maps (preferably include USGS 7.5 minute topographic map suitable for 8½” x 11” reproduction and an aerial photograph).

Tax Exempt Status

Project applications from nonprofit organizations shall provide documentation in the application that gives proof of tax-exempt status under §501 (c) (3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code. Additionally, the applicant must meet the holder requirements as described in Va. Code §10.1-1009 to §10.1-1017. **See Page 2, Program Eligibility.**

<u>Amount of Request</u>	\$ _____
Total Land protection Cost	_____
Total Restoration Cost	_____
Total Acres to Be Protected	_____

Budget Proposal

Acquisition Cost	_____
Restoration Costs	_____
Legal Fees	_____
Survey Fees	_____
Appraisal Fees	_____
Title Insurance	_____
Recordation Fees	_____
Environmental Site Assessment	_____
Other Fees (explain)	_____
Restoration Costs to include salaries/ equipment/travel/supplies/contractual/ other	_____

Environmental Survey

The following survey should be completed and included in the project application. If additional environmental information is available that is pertinent to the project proposal, it should be submitted with the application.

Please be advised that this form is not intended to replace additional environmental information that may be required on the proposal. Some applications involving acquisition of land that are subsequently approved for land protection project assistance will be required to submit a Phase 1 Environmental Report. Note: If yes is answered on any of the items below, please provide additional details if possible.

1. Name of Applicant/Land Protection/Migratory Songbird Project:

2. Land Use:

a. Briefly describe the land use in the project area. Attach a land use map if needed.

b. Is the land project consistent with the locality's Comprehensive Plan for the area?

Yes _____ No _____

3. Socioeconomics: Will the proposed project impact any of the following:

	Y	N		Y	N
a. Health/Education Facilities	_____	_____	g. Public Utilities	_____	_____
b. Emergency Service Providers	_____	_____	h. Local Tax Base	_____	_____
c. Handicapped, Minorities, or Elderly	_____	_____	i. Residential Areas	_____	_____
d. Economic Activity	_____	_____	j. VDOT – new or improved roads	_____	_____

4. Natural Resources: Will the proposed project impact any of the following:

	Y	N		Y	N
a. Soil Erosion or Sedimentation	_____	_____	g. Vegetation	_____	_____
b. Streams, Rivers, or Lakes	_____	_____	h. Wetlands	_____	_____
c. Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat	_____	_____	i. Floodplains	_____	_____
d. Wild and Scenic Rivers	_____	_____	j. Coastal Zones	_____	_____
e. National Natural Landmarks	_____	_____	k. Agricultural Lands	_____	_____
f. Rare Plants and Animals and Exemplantary Natural Communities	_____	_____	l. Forestal Lands	_____	_____
			m. Ag./Forestal Dist.	_____	_____

5. Historic and Archaeological Resources

	Y	N
a. Has the project been reviewed by the VA Dept. of Historic Resources (DHR)?	_____	_____
b. Will the project have an effect on historic or archaeological resources?	_____	_____

6. Hazardous Wastes: Is there any potential for involvement with hazardous wastes?

7. Adjacency to Conserved Lands

a. Is the project located next to a publicly owned park, recreational area, natural area, forest, historic site, or wildlife and waterfowl refuge?	_____	_____
b. If yes, please mark the appropriate box and name the facility		

Park _____

Historic Site

Natural Area

Wildlife/Waterfowl Refuge

Other

Application Checklist Items

- All applications must provide three paper copies and a CD or USB drive containing an electronic version of the full application. The various parts of the electronic application should be compiled as one complete document (Word or searchable PDF); do not include more than one document on the CD or USB drive.
- All applications from registered nonprofit organizations must meet specific criteria described in Item 5 of the Program Eligibility section on Page 3.
- Completed Project Application
- Budget proposal
- Geographic location with maps (must include an aerial photograph and a USGS 7.5-minute topographic map; all maps must be suitable for 8½” x 11” reproduction)
- Letter from the landowner(s) indicating their receptiveness to the transaction
- For all easement projects, provide a summary of restrictions that will be in the deed of easement
- For easement projects and fee-simple projects by a nonprofit organization, a draft deed of easement to be held by a public body or a letter from a public body stating their willingness to hold the easement with a term sheet outlining the restrictions to be included in the easement
- Supporting documentation (letters of support, resolutions of government bodies, relevant published policies)
- Appraisal, title report, boundary survey, and other reports *if available*
- Environmental survey *if available* (and other available information)

Criterion – Land Protection Projects	Score	Notes
<p>1) Natural resource values similar to those injured (mussels, fish, reptiles, amphibians, migratory songbirds, piscivorous birds/mammals, waterfowl, bats, Madison cave isopod, warm water fisheries). 2 points for each resource up to a total of 20. If benefits specific to water quality, add additional 5 points. Maximum score: 25 points</p>		
<p>2) Geographical extent of expected benefits. Maximum score: 5 points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project benefits over a large area – e.g., benefits are expected to accrue downstream from restoration site, or restoration site will serve as connecting parcel between protected lands = 5 • Project benefits very localized – e.g., restoring an isolated property = 1 		
<p>3) Proximity to South River/South Fork Shenandoah River. Maximum score: 10 points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project is within watershed = 10 • Project not in watershed = 0 		
<p>4) Likelihood of success. Applicant’s capability to implement necessary management to restore and protect the site from short-term and long-term stresses. Maximum score: 10 points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant has land protection, restoration and land management experience and has successfully completed a land protection project similar to the one proposed = 10 • Applicant has land protection, restoration and land management experience but has not completed a land protection project similar to the one proposed = 5 • Applicant has no significant land protection, restoration or land management experience = 0 		
<p>5) Project uses methods that are technically practicable/feasible. Maximum score: 5 pts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common practice/proven methods = 5 • Novel methods = 0 		
<p>6) Alignment with National, State, Regional, or Local Conservation Goals & Initiatives: Supports local and/or regional comprehensive plans, and/or contributes to the protection of a national, state, regionally, or locally identified conservation and or restoration need. Name and Page # of plan cited. Maximum score: 10 points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Protection Project site or conservation targets are specifically mentioned in a national, state, regional, or local plan, or are identified by ConservationVision = 10 • Land Protection Project area or conservation targets are referenced generally in a national, state, regional, or local plan = 5 • No relationship to national, state, regional or local plan = 0 		
<p>7) Integration with existing management/conservation programs. Maximum score: 5 points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Builds on existing effort = 5 • New stand-alone land protection project = 1 		
<p>8) Habitat connectivity. Maximum score: 5 points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Protection Project site is adjacent to land already conserved for the intended conservation target(s) and will secure additional target habitat or provide a functional corridor between two or more existing protected target habitats = 5 • Land Protection Project site protects targeted habitats, is within 1 mile of land protecting similar targets, and protection of a suitable habitat corridor between them in the future is feasible = 3 		
<p>9) Degree of Threat: What is the vulnerability rank for this parcel as determined by the ConservationVision Development Vulnerability model? Maximum score: 5 points 1 point for each ranking Already Developed to Class I based on the Virginia ConservationVision Development Vulnerability model, (e.g., already developed=5, Class V=4, Class IV=3, Class III=2, Class I&II=1, undevelopable=0 points). The model can be found at http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural-heritage/vaconvisvulnerable</p>		

Criterion – Land Protection Projects	Score	Notes
<p>10) Restoration Component: Does the project involve a multiyear restoration component or is the project straight protection? Maximum score: 5 points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project is protection and includes a multiyear restoration effort = 5 • Project is 100% protection and will not require restoration = 2 • Project is 100% restoration and will not require protection = 2 		
<p>11) Are the size and condition of the tract(s) and the applicant’s restoration/management plan adequate to protect and allow for restoration/management of the resource values? Maximum score: 15 points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Size, condition, and restoration/management plan are adequate to fully protect & manage project target resource values = 15 • Size, condition and restoration/management plan are adequate to partially protect and manage project target resource values = 8 • Size, condition and restoration/management plan are inadequate to protect and manage project target resource values = 0 		
<p>12) Evidence of Rare Species. Maximum score: 15 points</p> <p>Does the project protect biodiversity by protecting at least part of one or more natural heritage conservation sites and what is the rank of the conservation site? (The Virginia Natural Heritage Program ranks conservation sites based upon the global and state rarity of the natural heritage resources present, the number of natural heritage resources present, and their condition, with B1 being the highest rank; B5 is the lowest but still represents a site supporting natural heritage resources.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B1=15 • B2=10 • B3 or B4 = 5 • B5 = 1 • Not in a natural heritage conservation site = 0 		
<p>13) Exemplary Natural Communities. Community Representation: To what extent does the site support exemplary natural communities, as identified by the Virginia Natural Heritage Program that are not well protected in Virginia? Maximum score: 10 points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports communities not found on other protected lands = 10 • Supports communities found on limited number (1–10) of protected lands = 5 • Supports communities well represented (10+) on other protected lands = 0 		
<p>14) Public Use. Availability of land for public use, including, but not limited to, fishing, hiking, nonmotorized boat access, or wildlife watching and consistent with resource protection goals. Maximum score: 15 points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities for recreational fishing access specifically = 5 • Open between 60 and 365 days per year and consistent with resource protection = 10 • Open for public utilization between 1 and 60 days per year and consistent with resource protection = 5 • No public access = 0 		
<p>15) Cost, Readiness, and Leverage of Project. Maximum score: 10 points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed itemized budget with realistic cost projections=5 • Will the project leverage additional and/or build on existing resources = 5 		
<p>16) Will long-term success be monitored? Maximum score: 10 points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 year monitoring plan = 10 • 5 year monitoring plan = 5 • Less than 5 years = 0 		

Total Maximum Score: 160 points

Total Score: _____

Criterion: Migratory Songbird Project	Score	Notes
1) Project protects significant habitat for migratory songbird species found in the South River/South Fork Shenandoah River watershed. Maximum score: 20 points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes = 20 • No = 0 		
2) Proximity to South River/South Fork Shenandoah River. Maximum score: 10 points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project is within watershed = 10 • Project not in watershed but benefits watershed species = 5 		
3) Geographical extent of expected benefits. Maximum score: 10 points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project acquisition over at least 500 acres or project acquisition will serve as connecting parcel between protected lands which total over 1000 acres = 10 • Project less than 50 acres and protecting an isolated property = 1 		
4) Likelihood of success. Applicant's capability to implement necessary management to restore and protect the site from short-term and long-term stresses. Maximum score: 10 points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant has land protection, restoration and land management experience and has successfully completed a land protection project similar to the one proposed = 10 • Applicant has land protection, restoration and land management experience but has not completed a land protection project similar to the one proposed = 5 • Applicant has no significant land protection, restoration or land management experience = 0 		
5) Project uses methods that are technically practicable/feasible. Maximum score: 5 points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common practice/proven methods = 5 • Novel methods = 1 		
6) Project is within an IBA (Important Bird Area) Maximum score: 10 points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within IBA, criteria B3, D4vii = 10 • Within IBA, other designations = 5 • Outside of IBA = 0 The map can be found at http://www.audubon.org/important-bird-areas/state/virginia		
7) Habitat connectivity. Maximum score: 5 points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Migratory Songbird Project site is adjacent to land already conserved for the intended conservation target(s) and will secure additional target habitat or provide a functional corridor between two or more existing protected target habitats = 5 • Migratory Songbird Project site protects targeted habitats is within 1 mile of land protecting similar targets, and protection of a suitable habitat corridor between them in the future is feasible = 3 		
8) Degree of Threat: What is the vulnerability rank for this parcel as determined by the Conservation Vision Development Vulnerability model? Maximum score: 5 points 1 point for each ranking Already Developed to Class I based on the Virginia Conservation Vision Development Vulnerability model, (e.g., already developed=5, Class V=4, Class IV=3, Class III=2, Class I&2=1, undevelopable=0 points). The model can be found at http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural-heritage/vaconvisvulnerable		
9) Restoration Component: Does the project involve a multiyear restoration component or is the project straight protection? Maximum score: 10 points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project is protection and includes a multiyear restoration effort = 10 • Project is 100% protection and will not require restoration = 5 		

Criterion: Migratory Songbird Project	Score	Notes
<p>10) Is the identified tract(s) contained within a natural landscape core as identified in the Virginia Natural Landscape Assessment (VaNLA) Maximum score: 15 points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C1 - Outstanding = 15 • C2 - Very High = 10 • C3 - High = 5 • C4 - Moderate = 3 • C5 - General = 1 • Not within a core = 0 <p>The model can be found at http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural-heritage/vaconvisynla</p>		
<p>11) Cost, Readiness, and Leverage of Project. Maximum score: 10 points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed itemized budget with realistic cost projections=5 • Will the project leverage additional and/or build on existing resources = 5 		
<p>12) Will long-term success be monitored? Maximum score: 10 points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 or more years monitoring plan = 10 • 5-9 years monitoring plan = 5 • Less than 5 years = 0 		

Total Maximum Score: 120 points

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