

Virginia Land and Water Conservation Fund Scoring Criteria

Project Name: _____

Project Sponsor: _____

Criterion	Score	Notes
PROJECT NEED		
1) Purpose and Need Degree to which the project will meet the outdoor recreation needs of the locality/ region. Maximum score 10		Project creates first public recreation area within a locality, or creates a new, unique or innovative recreational opportunity, or fills an identified need= 10 Project provides a significant recreational resource = 5 Project expands/ enhances an existing public recreation area or facilities within an existing area= 1-4
Comments:		
2) ConserveVirginia Is the property included in ConserveVirginia and does the property fall within an area with demonstrated recreation need, based on either the terrestrial or aquatic layers of the Recreation Access Model? Maximum score 20		The project falls within “Moderate”, “High” or “Very High” Recreation Need according to the Recreation Access Model, <i>and</i> 50% - 100% of the project falls within ConserveVirginia. = 20 Project falls within “Low to Moderate” Recreation Need <i>and</i> 1% - 49% of the project is included in Conserve Virginia. = 10 Project purpose and need is undefined or unclear. Project falls within “Very Low” Recreation Need = 0-9
Comments:		
3) Project Readiness Maximum score 10		<u>Acquisition Projects</u> The Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisition (UASFLA) appraisal(s) has been completed and is no older than 6 months, a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment has been completed, the applicant has engaged the public in the desire to acquire the land for recreation, a purchase agreement between the property owner and the applicant exists and is included in application, documentation within the application indicates that the applicant is ready to acquire the property and sufficient environmental resource and alternative analysis has been conducted to quickly move the project through the NEPA, HPA and ESA processes=10 points. A UASFLA appraisal has been completed and is no older than 12 months, A Phase I Site Assessment has been completed, the generally affected public has been engaged in the applicant’s desire to purchase the land for recreation, a purchase agreement exists between the property owner and the applicant, environmental resource impact analysis and alternative analysis are underway but not complete= 7 points A letter of Commitment from the property owner indicating the willingness to sell the property to the applicant has been included in the application, the generally affected public has been engaged in the applicant’s desire to buy land for recreation. A UASFLA appraisal, Phase I Environmental Site Assessment have not been completed. Environmental resource impact and alternative analysis have not been completed= 3 points Letter of Commitment from the property owner not included in the application, information in the application makes it unclear how ready the applicant is to acquire the property= 0 points
Comments:		

4) Project Location and Natural Character Maximum score 5		Project is a priority in-holding or an addition that is critical to the recreational use of an existing site, including a sites ecological integrity if relevant. = 5 points Project is new stand-alone facility/ holding that is critically needed to provide or support recreational activities planned or existing at the site= 3 points
Comments:		

5) Virginia Outdoors Plan Need —extent to which project meets the recreational needs as identified in the VOP Maximum score 20 Note: Scoring for this category is aligned with the results of the Va. Outdoors Survey and the public ranking of the top 10 most needed outdoor recreation facilities		Project provides trails for hiking or walking, OR access to state waters for fishing, swimming, or beach use OR both trails and recreational water access= 20 Recreational access to Natural Areas and/or, Historic Areas, provision of bicycling trails= 15 Access for non-motorized boating, Trails for wildlife watching and nature study=10 Playing fields for outdoor sports, public pools or other outdoor recreation facility= 10 Other outdoor recreational need identified in the VOP= 5
Comments:		

6) Local Need —Degree to which project aligns with a local plan or survey. Maximum score 5		Project is specifically referenced by name and location in a regional/ local plan =5 Project meets general need in regional/ local plan= 2 No mention of regional or local plan=0
Comments:		

7) Facility Management —management, operation and maintenance of the park and its facilities Maximum score 5		Committed management, operation and maintenance provided on a regular basis (P&R Department staff and/or other state or local government entity)= 5 points Maintained by volunteers= 2 points Answer not adequately addressed or maintenance schedule seems inadequate for facilities provided and/or the long term compliance requirements of the LWCF program= 0 points.
Comments:		

8) Accessibility (ADA) —of project Maximum score 5		Extent to which project exceeds minimal requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act=5 Not addressed or application contains insufficient information to substantiate ADA claims=0
Comments:		

<p>9) Public Comment</p> <p>Maximum score 5</p>		<p>The public was involved in the early stages of the concept and planning stages for the proposal: public meetings were held specifically to engage the public and interested stakeholders on the development of this proposal, a public commenting period was held and the applicant provided responses to citizen comments. Evidence of public comment is included with application= 5 points</p> <p>A public commenting period is underway and evidence of the public comment announcement is included with the application= 3 points</p> <p>The proposal was presented/ discussed as part of the regularly scheduled board of supervisors/ town council/ city council/ meeting, which are open to the public to attend.= 1 point</p>
<p>Comments:</p>		

<p>10) Budget and Grant Match</p> <p>Maximum score 5</p>		<p>Extent to which application includes (add total of points below):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed itemized budget with realistic cost projections=2 • Demonstrates that funding is in place to finance the project in its entirety while seeking periodic reimbursement=2 • Demonstrates strength of the required match (hard matches are given priority over soft matches; matches cannot be 100% soft)= 1 point
<p>Comments:</p>		

<p>11) Application Preparation</p> <p>Maximum score 5</p>		<p>Extent/ thoroughness to which applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addressed all questions • Provided required attachments • Provided a clear description of the project and what the LWCF funding will assist with • Provided documentation to support statements • Provided maps and graphics of clear/ high quality <p>=0-5 points</p>
<p>Comments:</p>		

<p>12) Prior Performance (for review by Grants Administrator)</p> <p>Maximum score 5</p>		<p>Performance on existing or previous (within past 5 years) recreational grants with DCR. Have extensions, changes in scope of work, etc. been needed? Has sponsor kept project on schedule, submitted status reports in a timely fashion, followed project agreement requirements, etc? Has project been suspended or expired with the need for reactivation? Did grantee make changes to budget, project design, etc. without consulting DCR? Did applicant provide conflicting information; have difficulty providing adequate documentation for reimbursement or other federal, state and local requirements or inquiries?</p> <p>=0-5 points</p>
<p>Comments:</p>		

Total Maximum Score = 100 points _____