



Land and Water Conservation Fund Virginia 2022 DCR Application Form

*Please read the **Virginia LWCF 2022 Application Manual** before completing this application. Guidance on completing this form and other application requirements can be found in **Appendix A: Application Resources**.*

2022 DCR Application Form
Section A – Applicant Information
<p>1. Project Sponsor Name Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources</p>
<p>2. Contact Person Name & Title Rebecca K. Gwynn, Deputy Director</p>
<p>3. Project Sponsor Street Address 7870 Villa Park Drive</p>
<p>4. Mailing Address (if different from street address) P.O. Box 90778, Henrico VA 23228-0778</p>
<p>5. Telephone Number 804-389-3953</p>
<p>6. Contact Person E-mail Address Becky.gwynn@dwr.virginia.gov</p>
<p>7. Name and E-mail Address of person to receive notification of application status <i>if</i> different from contact above Click or tap here to enter text.</p>
<p>8. Applicant Type (type one)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Municipality (city, town, county), ▪ Tribe, ▪ State agency, or ▪ Regional park authority <p>State Agency</p>

Section A – Applicant Information

9. US Congressional District Number

7

10. Virginia State Senate District Number

12

11. Virginia House District Number

74

Section B – Project Details

12. Project Title

Clinch Mountain Access Repair, Toilets, and Courtesy Pier

13. Award Request Amount (up to 50% of total cost but not more than \$2 million)

\$403,750

14. Total Project Cost (100%)

\$807,500

15. Project Type (type one)

- Acquisition,
- Development, or
- Combination Acquisition and Development

Development

16. Current or future name of the park

Clinch Mountain Wildlife Management Area

17. Latitude and Longitude (entrance to the park)

Clinch Mountain WMA: 36.934347, -81.825526

Laurel Bed Lake

Vault Toilet Upper Ramp - N 36.964582° W 81.806807°

Vault Toilet Lower Ramp – N 36.957316° W 81.813727°

Courtesy Pier – N 36.957653° W 81.813103°

Clinch Mtn. Fee Area

Vault Toilet Upper (Blue Hole) - N 36.936407° W 81.816989°

Vault Toilet Lower (Camping area)- 36.91354° W 81.842238°

Section B – Project Details

18. Tax Parcel ID Number

017-A-1

19. Property Street Address (if there is no street or 911 address, then provide driving directions to the park from 600 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219)

Take I-64 east to I-81. Travel south on I-81 to Chilhowie exit (State Route 107). Travel St Rt 107 to the Town of Saltville. In Saltville, turn left onto Route 91 (0.25 mile), then right onto Route 634. Bear left onto Route 613 and proceed 3.5 miles; turn right onto Route 747 to the Wildlife Management Area.

20. Current Property Owner (as outlined in the application checklist, acquisition projects must also include willingness to sell letter or statement from landowner)

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21. Indicate the total number of acres that, if awarded, will be placed in perpetuity for public outdoor recreation as required by section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act

18,209.2

22. Project Scope (Quantitatively indicate in miles, linear feet, square feet, acres, numbers, or other applicable unit/s what the project will accomplish).

Examples: Grade and install 3600 square foot gravel parking lot, construct two ADA accessible asphalt paved parking spaces, install 64 square foot single user ADA accessible vault toilet, construct 200 linear feet of 5 foot wide crushed stone pathway, and install one vertical trail information sign at Riverside Park in Town Name, Virginia.

Purchase 32 acre property from private landowner for future development of community playground, picnic area, and walking trails.

This project would replace two sections of degraded road (totaling approximately 3.5 miles, with average width of 18 feet), one re-asphalting and one replacing culverts; install 4 vault toilets and a handicap accessible parking at each site, and install a boating access courtesy pier on Clinch Mountain Wildlife Management Area.

Section C – Project Need

23. Indicate how the project will provide needed outdoor recreation opportunities identified in the most recent Virginia Outdoors Plan (VOP) found at <https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/recreational-planning/vop>. Include the page numbers for all VOP references.

The Mount Rogers and Cumberland Plateau recreational planning regions identify, in the top 10 most frequent activities, visiting natural areas, freshwater fishing, hunting, and viewing scenery. The two regions also identify, in the top 10 greatest recreational needs, natural areas, water access, and trails (VOP 13.11, 13.16). This project would provide access to additional user groups by improving the road, upgrading bathroom facilities, providing a boarding pier for boating access. Access to natural areas are the most needed outdoor recreation type. These improvements will directly relate to the Plan's identified need to provide access to all people. These upgrades will help bring more diverse users into the surrounding communities.

24. Is the project listed as a regional feature project in the current VOP? If yes, please list project name as identified in VOP and page number.

No

Section C – Project Need

25. Explain if/how the project will expand or link existing outdoor recreation areas or trails.

The road work will increase access and provide an alternate route to higher elevations of the Clinch Mountain Wildlife Management Area that provides users access to the shooting range, Laurel Bed Lake and Big Tumbling Creek. The toilets and courtesy pier will expand the opportunity for a more diverse user groups, such as older Virginians, the disabled and families.

26. Is the project located in a priority area for conservation as identified in by ConserveVirginia?

Estimate the percentage of the proposed LWCF Boundary Area that falls within ConserveVirginia.

See Appendix A: Application Guidance section of Application Manual for information on accessing ConserveVirginia map online.

The project occurs in an area that is already protected as a state Wildlife Management Area; therefore, there are no data layers of ConserveVirginia that intersect it directly. Areas of Protected Landscape Resiliency surround the WMA.

27a. Indicate the project need based on DCR's Land-based Recreation Access Model or Trust for Public Land's ParkServe priority areas for new parks (only need to indicate higher of the two).

See Appendix A: Application Guidance section of Application Manual for information on accessing both models online.

- Very High
- High
- Moderate
- Low
- Very Low or No Need.

Low

27b. If very low or no need is identified in the models, explain and provide supporting evidence to show need for land-based recreation.

The DWR's Inclusive Excellence Plan identifies, as a priority for the agency, its desire and need to convert and expand usage of existing DWR lands and facilities to accommodate activities in which underrepresented groups (including individuals with limited mobility or other impairments) participate (<https://dwr.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/media/DWR-Inclusive-Excellence-Strategic-Plan-2022-2026.pdf>; p 17). The proposed project enhances access to areas of the Wildlife Management Area, and provides amenities to meet the needs of individuals in underrepresented groups.

Section C – Project Need

28a. *If project will provide water-based recreation* Indicate the project need based on DCR's Water-based Recreation Access Model.

See Appendix A: Application Guidance section of Application Manual for information on accessing model online.

- Very High
- High
- Moderate
- Low or Very Low Need

Very Low

28b. If low or very low need is identified in the model, explain and provide supporting evidence to show need for water-based recreation.

This project through the courtesy pier will increase accessibility for many different user groups.

29. Explain how the project will create a new opportunity for a community that does not currently have access to public outdoor recreation opportunities within a 10 minute (1/2 mile) walk or within a 10 mile drive.

If neither condition above is met, but you believe the area is still underserved by public outdoor recreation opportunities, please describe and justify.

This project will allow users to access these recreational areas and provide needed amenities.

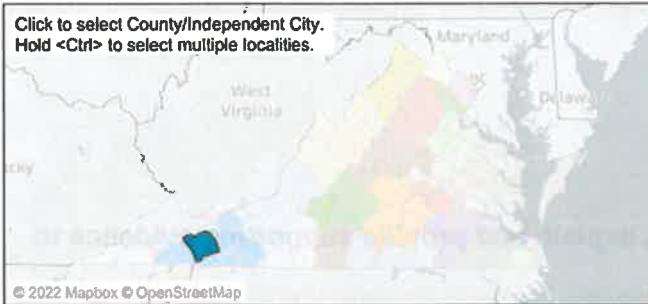
30. Describe how the project will provide equitable experiences for people with disabilities. Do not simply state “will follow ADA” or “will meet all requirements.” Include information on *how* the project will meet the minimum relevant accessibility standards (ADA and ABA), and more broadly, how accessibility considerations will be incorporated beyond the minimum standards (Section 504). *See Appendix B: Accessibility Resources of Application Manual for accessibility resources.*

The vault toilets will be ADA-accessible units along with an ADA-compliant courtesy pier with periodic lower railings and toe bars. This will upgrade facilities and allow for more diverse user groups. It will provide easy access to facilities in remote areas that were previously difficult for disabled users. The courtesy pier will allow for easier access in and out of watercraft reducing the risk of falling and making the facility more accessible to users.

31. Will the project benefit a community with documented health disparities such as rates of obesity, diabetes, cancer, and/or heart disease greater than the state-wide average rates? If yes, please explain, cite source data and provide link; see Appendix A: Application Guidance section of Application Manual for optional data sources.

This project will benefit an area of Washington and Smyth Counties with an identified “Low Health Opportunity Index,” according to data provided by the Virginia Department of Health.

<https://apps.vdh.virginia.gov/omhhe/hoi/dashboards/counties>



Rank (of 134) Median of Selected Counties	Local Health District	All	
	Health Opportunity Index	103	
	Economic Opportunity Profile	98	Consumer Opportunity Profile
	Community Environmental Profile	76	Wellness Disparity Profile
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Section C – Project Need

Click to select County/Independent City.
Hold <Ctrl> to select multiple localities.



Local Health District: All

Health Opportunity Index: **79**

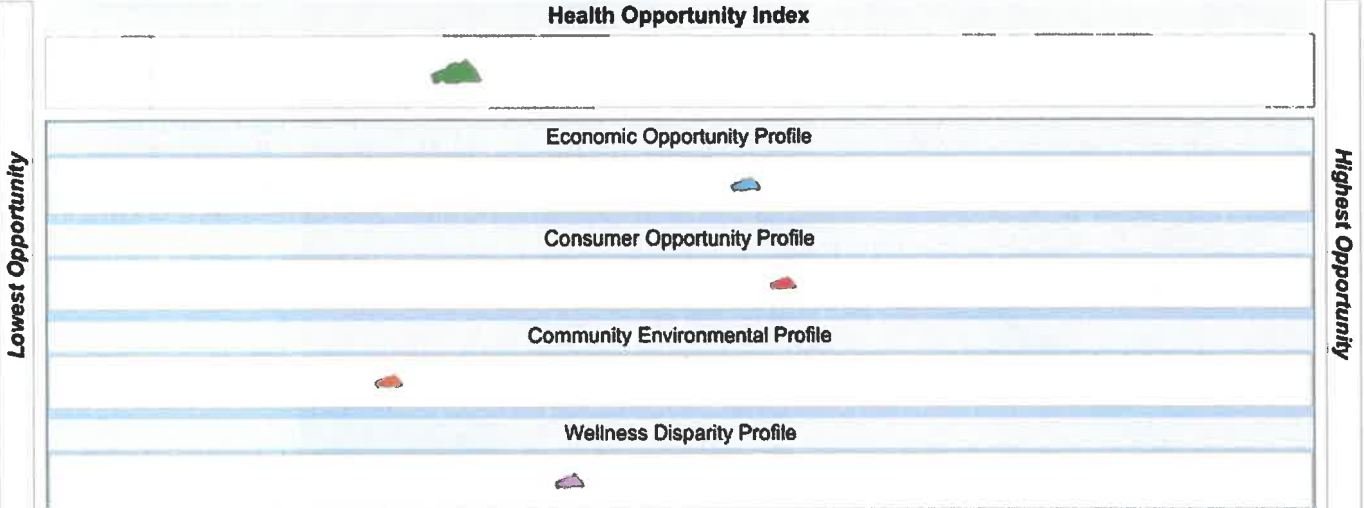
Economic Opportunity Profile: **83**

Consumer Opportunity Profile: **61**

Community Environmental Profile: **63**

Wellness Disparity Profile: **77**

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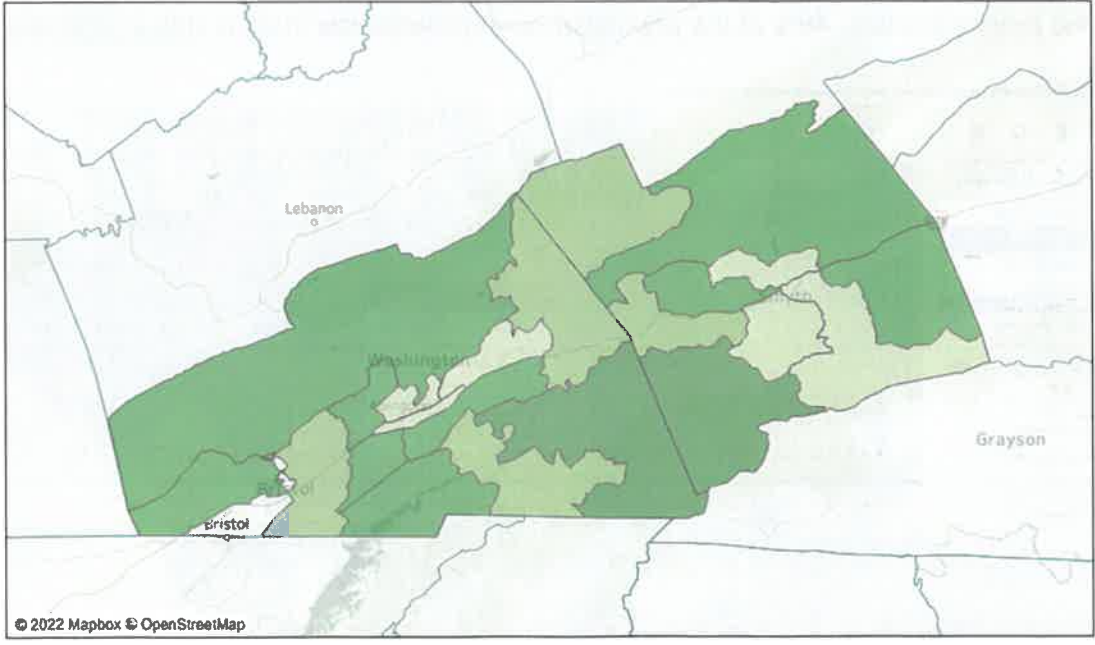


- Profile**
- Health Opportunity Index
 - Community Environmental Profile
 - Consumer Opportunity Profile
 - Economic Opportunity Profile
 - Wellness Disparity Profile

- Opportunity Level**
- Very Low
 - Low
 - Average
 - High



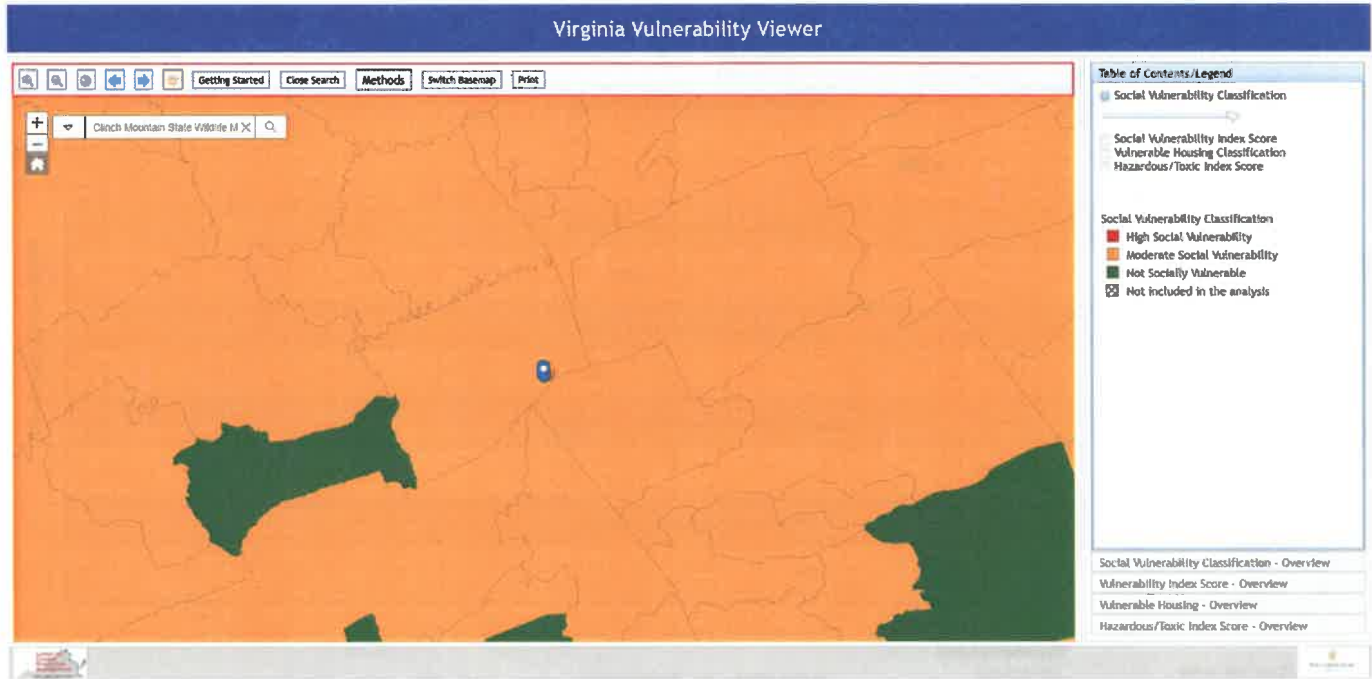
- County Name**
- Null
 - Accomack County
 - Albemarle County
 - Alexandria city
 - Alleghany County
 - Amelia County
 - Amherst County
 - Appomattox County
 - Arlington County
 - Augusta County
 - Bath County
 - Bedford city
 - Bedford County
 - Bland County
 - Botetourt County
 - Bristol city
 - Brunswick County
 - Buchanan County
 - Buckingham County
 - Buena Vista city
 - Campbell County
 - Caroline County
 - Carroll County
 - Charles City County
 - Charlotte County
 - Charlottesville city
 - Chesapeake city



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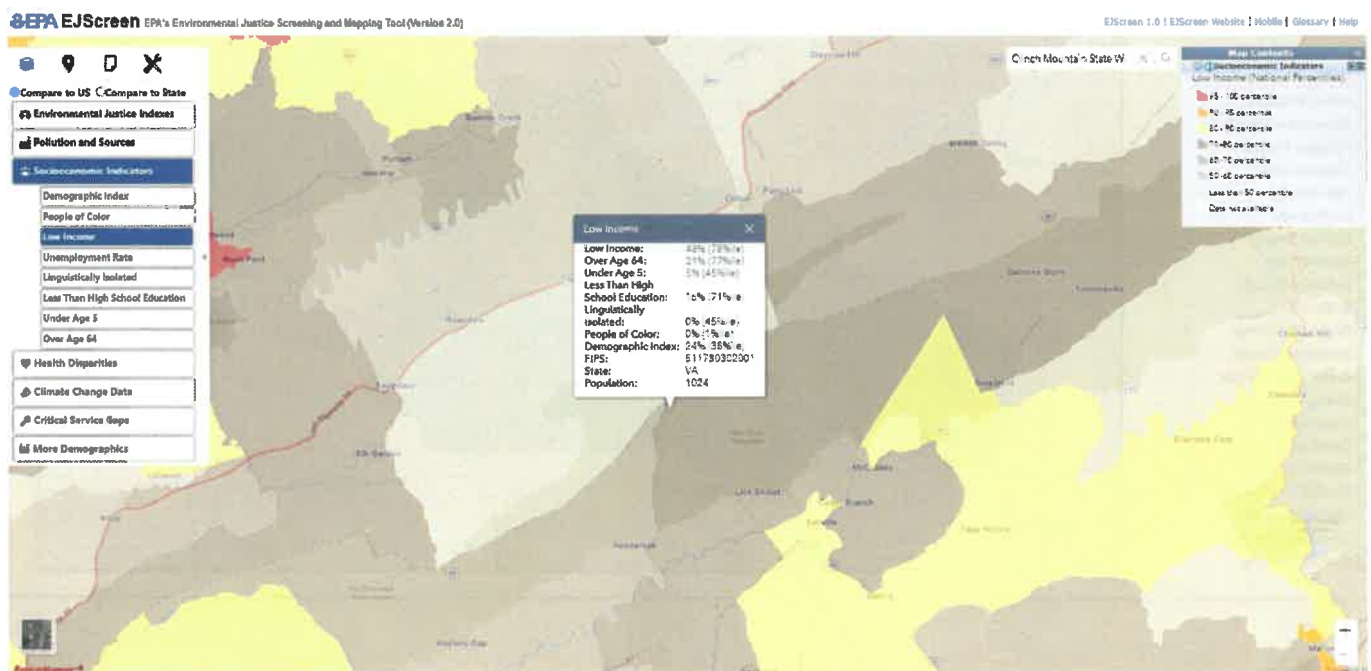
32. Describe the degree to which the community where the project is located is socially vulnerable. This can be identified using the VIMS Social Vulnerability Index or other vulnerability index or mapper (source citation and link must be included). See Appendix A: Application Guidance section of Application Manual for VIMS model link.

Moderate, according to the VIMS Social Vulnerability Index tool
http://cmap2.vims.edu/SocialVulnerability/SocioVul_SS.html



33. Is the project located in a community where greater than 50% of the population is considered low income? If no, greater than 30%? Cite source data; see Appendix A: Application Guidance section of Application Manual for recommended data sources.

In the project location, 48% of the population is considered low income (<https://ejscreen.epa.gov/mapper/>)



Section C – Project Need

34. Will the project, when complete, require an entrance or membership fee? If yes, please describe fee structure and opportunities for reduced fee access, if planned.

It will require one of the following hunting, fishing or trapping license; registered boat; access permit; or Explore the Wild membership (which includes the access permit), per the Code of Virginia §29.1-113.

Section D – Local Need

35. Describe the process that led to the development of this proposal and how the public was involved, including, if applicable:

- Consultation to date with representatives from historically underrepresented groups.
- Progress to date and future plans for public participation in the planning process, including methods of outreach.
- Presentations to the public through a Board of Supervisors, City or Town Council, or other similar public meeting.
- Whether an official public comment period has been held.
- Describe any plans for future consultation and public input.

These proposals were developed from public input on DWR's Boating Access and Wildlife Management Area studies. They provide additional ability for access and amenities allowing for a greater diversity in DWR users.

36. Indicate how the project addresses needs identified in local and/or regional plans or surveys. If the acquisition or development project is specifically referenced in a local or regional plan, please also indicate. Attach the relevant pages from these documents or provide a link and page number.

The Washington County Comprehensive Plan identifies the Clinch Mountain Wildlife Management Area as an important natural resource in the county. Plan objectives include conserving and protecting natural resources and open spaces, as well as enhancing and increasing recreational opportunities that serve all Washington County citizens and visitors while preserving open spaces (<https://www.washcova.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Washington-County-Comprehensive-Plan-2015-Adopted-April-14-2015.pdf>; pCP5:100; CP4:79). The development work proposed in this application is consistent with these priorities for the County.

37. How is the project unique within the Locality? How is it unique within the County?

These enhancement projects increase draw to Clinch Mountain and its diverse land providing the communities with unique economic and wildlife related opportunities. Clinch Mountain WMA is the second largest WMA in the department's management area system but has the distinction of being the most biologically diverse, due in large part to the vast differences in elevation on the area. It provides both Northern and Southern forest species and a variety of different habitat types as it spans parts of four different counties. Additionally it is home to Laurel Bed lake the largest department owned lake west of the Blue Ridge. By increasing amenities and accessibility it will ensure that these lands continue to provide opportunities for both the local communities as well as Virginians and beyond.

Section D – Local Need

38. List any previously funded LWCF-funded properties within the same jurisdiction of the proposed project and/or sponsored by the same applicant. Indicate the approximate year of LWCF funding.

George Washington and Jefferson National Forest, various dates

Saltville Town Park, 1978

Laurel Bed Public Fishing Lake, 1967

Section E – Project Readiness

39. Describe the level of site and environmental analysis that has already been conducted for the proposed project. Is the NEPA/NHPA review complete? Has the process been started? Include the agencies contacted and the status of each correspondence. [Attach](#) copies of correspondence to date.

Environmental analysis has been initiated, but is not yet complete, for this project, including communications with Department of Historic Resources for historic resource review and with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the DWR for potential impacts on threatened and endangered species. The DWR has extensive experience completing these reviews and is confident it can coordinate with the responsible agencies in a timely manner post-award.

40. *For projects that include development* Please describe the status and level of completeness of any construction drawings for the project. Indicate if any feasibility or preliminary plans have been created.

While DWR doesn't have construction drawings for these projects specifically, we have planned and executed similar in the past and will use the previous designs as a foundation from which to begin planning for this work. We have consultant engineers that we will use to draw up the plans for this project.

41. *For projects that include acquisition* Indicate whether an appraisal has been conducted of the subject property(ies). Was a UASFLA appraisal completed? Has it been reviewed by a secondary certified appraiser? Indicate the date of appraisal.

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42. *For projects that include acquisition* Describe any purchase agreements with the property owner or letter of commitment from the property owner in place at the time of application. Please include as an attachment.

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Section F – Budget and Grant Match

The following two questions should be answered by completing form *LWCF-02-Project Budget.docx*. Do not enter answers in this document.

43. Provide a detailed, itemized budget estimate and budget narrative for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) proposal.

44. Identify all funding sources, funding amounts, and funding gaps, if present, for the project.

45. Describe the current and planned management, operations, and maintenance of the park and its facilities. Be sure to address:

- What maintenance will occur and how often will it occur, and who is responsible?

The Vault toilets will be regularly serviced as needed through a contract with DWR. The Wildlife Management Area supervisor will routinely inspect the road and toilets and do any maintenance as needed. The regional boating access supervisor will inspect and maintain the boating courtesy pier

- Are there formal or informal long-term operations and maintenance plans existing or in development?

Yes there are operations plans involving facilities maintenance on WMAs and there is a boating access maintenance routine involving inspection and maintenance

- Outline the support staffing that will be dedicated to maintenance and operation of the park. Indicate the number of support staffing that will be provided to operate and maintain the park. Indicate whether staff for maintaining a new park is already available or if additional staffing will need to be hired.

There is a WMA supervisor assigned to Clinch Mountain WMA and Boating Access Supervisor for Region 3 along with additional staff as needed

- How will the entity fund routine and preventive maintenance and any new staffing required?

This would be funded through current agency operation funds

- How expected and potential safety hazards will be mitigated.

Safety hazards would be mitigated through frequent staff inspections, routine maintenance and emergency response as needed per the situation.

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Section H – Certification

On behalf of Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources,

I hereby certify the information contained in this form and other application documents is true and correct. I understand this application will be rated on the basis of the information submitted and the submission of incorrect data or an incomplete application can result in this application being withdrawn from consideration for funding.

I hereby certify the applicant will comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations.

I hereby certify the availability of funding and commitment of funding for the total project costs as represented in this application.

I hereby certify that the applicant understands that the LWCF program reimburses at 50% and that documentation verifying expenditures must be submitted to DCR in order to receive payment, whether partial or in full.

I hereby certify that, if authorized by NPS, the property will be placed under Section 6(f) protection of the Land & Water Conservation Act and that wording to such effect placed in the deed of the property. Further, I certify that necessary coordination with interested parties was involved during the development of the LWCF Boundary Area.

If it is determined that we, the applicant, cannot move forward with the project as described, we will contact DCR LWCF Grant Staff in writing with justification and official notification of withdrawal.

Signed on: March 15, 2022

Signature:



By Name: Rebecca K. Gwynn

Title: Deputy Director

This application form, along with other application materials, must be submitted via email to recreationgrants@dcr.virginia.gov by 4:00 pm on March 15th, 2022.

If your document file or email size is larger than 25MB please contact Recreation Grants staff at 804-786-1119 for instructions on how to submit.