



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
1. Project Sponsor Name Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources
2. Contact Person Name & Title Rebecca K. Gwynn, Deputy Director
3. Project Sponsor Street Address 7870 Villa Park Drive
4. Mailing Address (if different from street address) P.O. Box 90778, Henrico VA 23228-0778
5. Telephone Number 804-389-3953
6. Contact Person E-mail Address Becky.gwynn@dwr.virginia.gov
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.
8. Applicant Type (type one) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Municipality (city, town, county),▪ Tribe,▪ State agency, or▪ Regional park authority State Agency

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

New River Boating Access Project

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

\$401,000

14. Total Project Cost (100%)

\$802,000

15. Project Type (type one)

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

Development

16. Current or future name of the park

We are proposing to enhance four existing boating access sites on the New River in Grayson County: Mouth of Wilson Boating Access, Bridle Creek Boating Access, Independence Boating Access, Baywood Boating Access

17. Latitude and Longitude (entrance to the park)

Mouth of Wilson: 36.585595, -81.314124

Bridle Creek: 36.595905, -81.242304

Independence: 36.572219, -81.152329

Baywood: 36.613801, -81.045752

18. Tax Parcel ID Number

Mouth of Wilson: 69-A-20A

Bridle Creek: 71-A-21

Independence: Unknown, Adjacent to 91-A-35 Deed information in file

Baywood: 74-A-74C

Section B – Project Details

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)

Mouth of Wilson
11190 Wilson Hwy.
Mouth of Wilson, VA 24363

Bridle Creek
3436 Gold Hill Road
Independence, VA 24348

Independence
1236 Old River Lane
Independence, VA 24348

Baywood
6463 Grayson Parkway
Independence, VA 24348

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

Department of Wildlife Resources (Commonwealth of Virginia)

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

5.39 (Baywood: 2.28 acres; Bridle Creek: 0.54 acres; Independence: 0.54 acres; Mouth of Wilson: 2.03 acres)

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

This project would install 4 concrete hardened access pads at the river's edge (one per site). Each pad will be approximately 40' long by 8' wide. Additionally, at each site, we will add 1 handicap parking space, and grade and add gravel to the parking area as needed.

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 project will address water access, which is the second-highest most-needed outdoor recreational opportunity in the New River Valley Region, and contribute to enhanced freshwater fishing opportunities, which is the 6th highest outdoor recreational activity in the region. This project directly provides outdoor play and activities to a more diverse user group through canoeing, kayaking, rafting and fishing opportunity. Fishing and paddling were directly listed as healthy recreational activity. VOP p13.22. The State Tourism Plan Regional Recommendations included with the Virginia Outdoors Plan identifies, for the New River Valley region, the importance of developing, maintaining and expanding water trails (VOP, Appendix 13, p11 (<https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/recreational-planning/document/vop-app-13-st-tour-plan-reg.pdf>)).

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.

This American Heritage river is well known for recreational boating and fishing. This project links current boating access facilities and enhances access available as part of the New River Trail State Park's existing access sites.

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.

Yes all four sites are located within the water quality improvement layer that follows the New River, 100%.

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.

Primarily water-based 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

Depending on the specific site, the project locations fall within low or very low need areas.

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

The installation of the concrete pads will contribute directly to the improvement of water quality of the New River by reducing the amount of sediment and nutrient loading resulting from these sites presently. They also provide access opportunities to individuals with disabilities that have previously been unable to access the sites because of terrain.

Section C – Project Need

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.

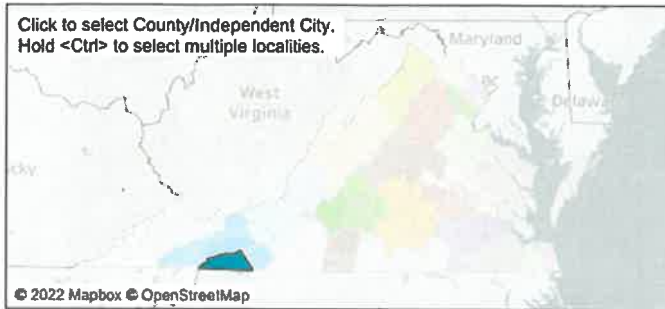
While these areas are not new sites by enhancing them, it will increase the pleasure of use and opportunity for users that may not been able to previously use the site due to terrain limitations and difficulty of use.

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 DWR will add ADA parking and hardened access that will allow for additional access opportunities due to better launching and retrieving surface.

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.

Yes, this project occurs in areas of Grayson County which have identified as Very Low and Low Health Opportunity indices. Grayson County occurs at the near bottom of the Health Opportunity Index, per 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	
	130	
	Economic Opportunity Profile	Consumer Opportunity Profile
116	107	
Community Environmental Profile	Wellness Disparity Profile	
111	110	



Section C – Project Need

Profile

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

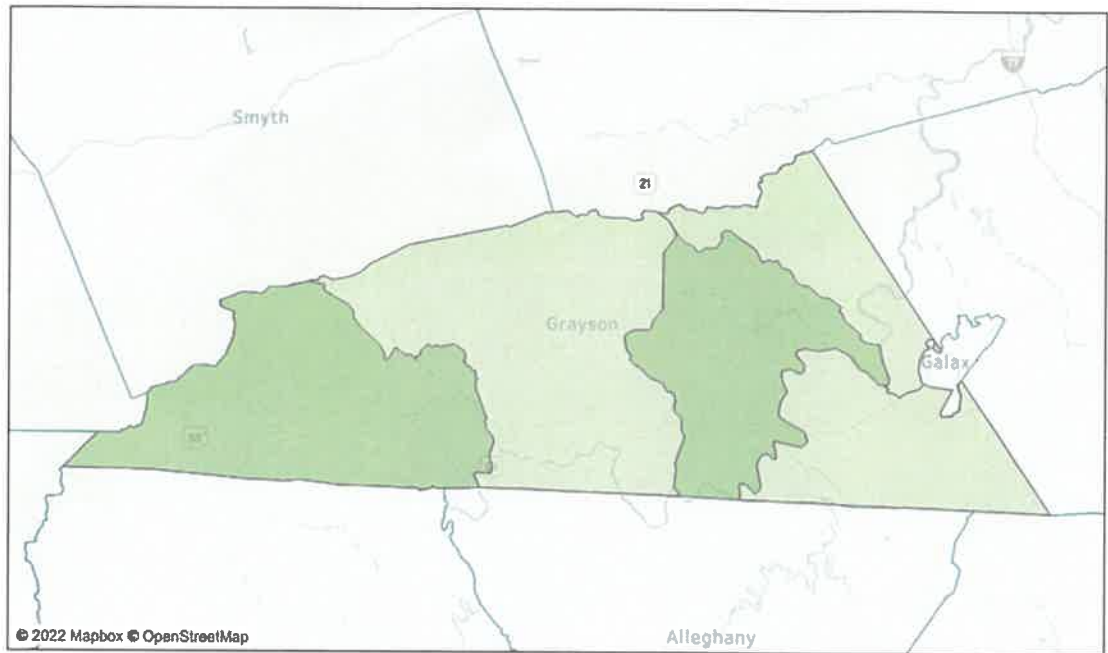
Opportunity Level

- Very Low
- Low



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



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.

The project sites occur in areas of Moderate to Low social vulnerability (https://cmap2.vims.edu/SocialVulnerability/SocioVul_SS.html)

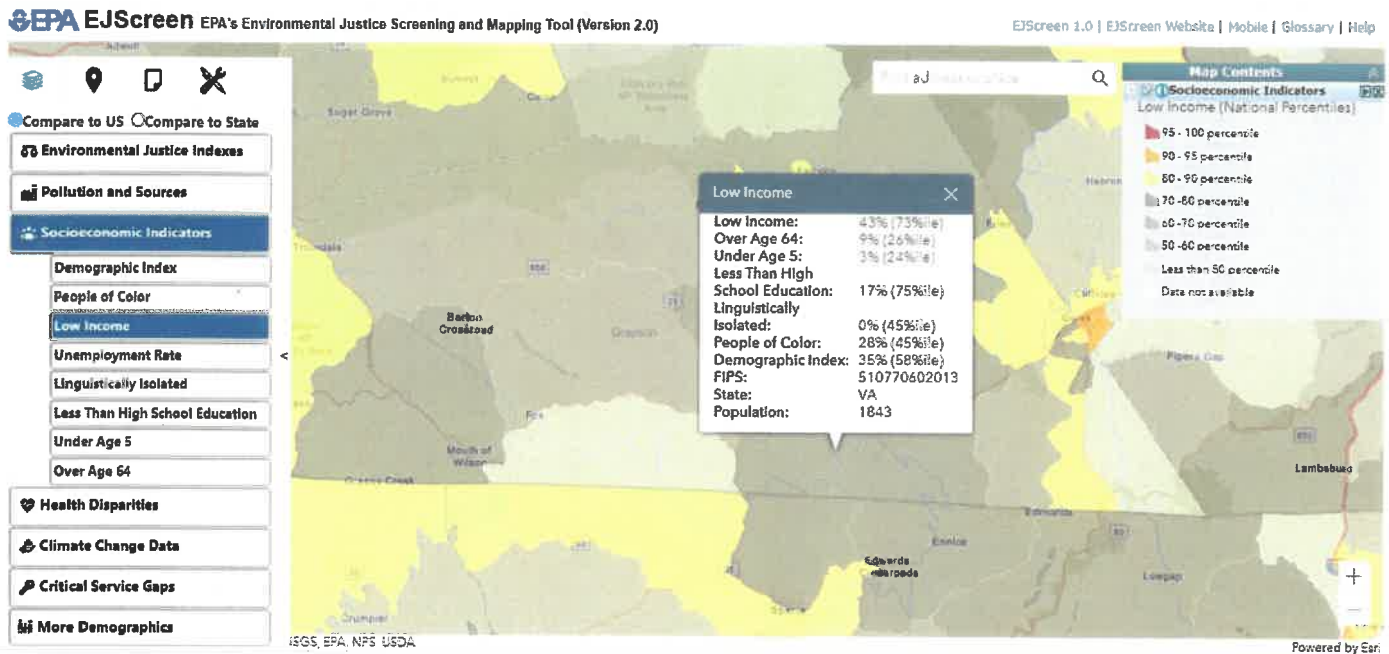
Virginia Vulnerability Viewer



Section C – Project Need

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, 43% of the population is considered low income (<https://ejscreen.epa.gov/mapper/>)



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.

No

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.

Through the DWR boating access study, mail survey participants prefer to see agency funds allocated to installing improved or hardened ramps (85%) over unimproved or gravel ramps, and if money is available, 65% want more hardened ramps added. (<https://dwr.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/Virginia-Boat-Access-Management-Plan.pdf>)

Section D – Local Need

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 New River is identified as a unique and positive asset in the Grayson County Comprehensive Plan. Public surveys have indicated a high desire for improved public access to the New River generally (third most important need) and by youth in particular (second most important need) (https://www.graysoncountyva.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/GraysonCompPlan_12_18_13.pdf, pp10-9, 12-18, and 12-26). The State Tourism Plan Regional Recommendations included with the Virginia Outdoors Plan identifies, for the New River Valley region, the importance of developing, maintaining and expanding water trails (VOP, Appendix 13, p11 (<https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/recreational-planning/document/vop-app-13-st-tour-plan-reg.pdf>)).

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

The New River is the premier river destination for boating and angling in this area. Within Grayson County, the New River is the only destination for boating.

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.

Grayson-Highlands State Park, Dept of Conservation and Recreation, 1984

Grayson County Park, Phase II, 1982

Matthews State Forest, 2013, 2014

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 completed, for the proposed project. The DWR has extensive experience completing these reviews and is confident it can coordinate with the responsible agencies in a timely manner post-award. Consultations have been initiated with the Dept of Historic Resources (historic resource review) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services/DWR for listed species. These 4 sites have been previously disturbed, and the proposed concrete pad and ADA-compliant parking spots will be within the footprints of the current facilities.

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.

The DWR currently has a plan it uses for hardened access on the New River that is adapted to each individual site

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.

N/A

Section E – Project Readiness

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.

N/A

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.

Section G – Facility Management, Operations, and Maintenance

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?

Typically parking lots will be graded or dressed, grass mowed as needed, any trash removed, ramp will be cleaned, and signs will be replaced as needed. The DWR routinely maintains their boating access sites on a monthly basis. Regionally there are dedicated boating access staff assigned to maintaining DWR's boating access sites

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

Yes the DWR has both boating access operations and procedures, as well as guidance outlined in the DWR Boating Site and Facilities Management plan.

- 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.

The support staff is the DWR's Region 3 Boating Access Maintenance Supervisor and any additional DWR staff as needed.

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

Routine maintenance of DWR boating access facilities are funded through the Sport Fish Restoration grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

- How expected and potential safety hazards will be mitigated.

Safety hazards will be mitigated through routine inspection corrective action take during monthly site visits. Any unexpected hazards will be dealt with by the boating access supervisor responding to the area and taking corrective action.

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.