National Park Service U.S. Department of the Interior State and Local Assistance Programs



Land and Water Conservation Fund Virginia 2022 Application and Revision (A&R) Form*

Please read the **Virginia LWCF 2022 Application Manual** before completing this form and other application documents.

*This is a revised version of an NPS form that has been modified to remove any questions not pertinent to new project applications. This must be answered in totality as part of the Virginia 2022 LWCF Grant Round application.

INSTRUCTIONS:

All applicants fill out Brief Description of Proposal (on this page), Section 1.0, 2.0, and 3.0.

☐ Acquisition projects fill out section 2.1.
☑ Development/Renovation projects fill out section 2.2.
$\hfill \Box$ Combination Acquisition & Development/Renovation fill out $both$ sections 2.1 and 2.2.

Brief Description of Proposal (maximum 300 words):

The Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) proposes to enhance facilities at its Clinch Mountain Wildlife Management Area (WMA). The Wildlife Management Area is 25,477 acres and is located just west of the Town of Saltville, a short distance from Interstate 81 in southwest Virginia. The area is dominated by mountains rising steeply from narrow valley floors, resulting in a unique forest across the landscape. The proximity to interstate corridors and the diversity of wildlife habitats provide an excellent opportunity to address the needs of outdoor and wildlife enthusiasts, giving them greater opportunities to pursue a variety of wildlife-dependent recreation, consistent with DWR and County priorities. This project would repair 2 segments of road on Clinch Mountain Wildlife Management Area. The first section would repave a section that has crumbled and in disrepair. The second section would replace and fix culverts that are no longer serviceable. This would ensure continued access for a wide variety of users and ensure continued access to DWRs lands and facilities. This project would install 4 vault toilets. This would provide amenities which would help with DWR's goals of opening their lands to a wider range of users. These would all be ADA accessible and have accessible parking spaces with them. Finally a courtesy boarding pier would be added at the boat ramp at Laurel Bed Lake (within the Clinch Mountain WMA) to allow for users to more easily access their boats when launching and retrieving. The LWCF 6(f) boundary would encompass 18,209.20 acres (the major portion of the WMA), with remaining smaller outparcels serving as wildlife habitat.

SECTION 1.0 NEW PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION (ALL APPLICANTS)

A. Risk assessment

- 1. Describe how you can ensure the project will be completed as scoped and within the proposed time frame? For example, dedicated staff and experience with similar project types.
 - DWR would have a dedicated project manager on this project and have completed similar projects in the past, with the most recent being a courtesy pier at Briery Creek boat ramp.
- 2. What is the applicant's recent experience completing similar projects with federal grant funding (LWCF or other), if any?

DWR constructs similar projects using federal grant funds from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program; the grants have similar stipulations and reporting requirements to LWCF.

SECTION 2.0 SITE BASED PROJECT GRANTS (ALL APPLICANTS)

A. Public benefit

- 1. Describe both short- and long-term outdoor recreation benefits that will be achieved as a result of this project.
 - In the short term this project will provide increased access and enjoyment of the experience with the addition of the amenities. In the long term the roadwork will provide additional access in the event other roads need to be repaired. The amenities will allow new users groups to get out and use DWR facilities increasing support for the agencies mission.
- 2. Explain how this project fits as part of any other projects planned for this same site in the next three years. Are there any additional developments or proposals for this recreation area outside of the application scope?

Long term, there are plans to renovate all of DWR shooting ranges, and the road work will provide good access to that facility.

SECTION 2.1 (ACQUISITION AND COMBINATION PROJECTS ONLY — DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS SKIP TO SECTION 2.2)

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1.	Why is this acquisition (whether attained via purchase or donation) needed?
	Click to enter text.

2.	Describe the existing resources and features of the site that make it desirable for public outdoo
	recreation.

Click to enter text.

3. Explain how you envision this acquisition contributing to outdoor recreation in the long term. Click to enter text.

B. Acquisition schedule & appraisal/waiver valuation certification

Reproduce table as needed for multiple parcels

Parcel Name: Click to enter text.
Parcel Size: Click to enter text.
Parcel Value: Click to enter text.
Anticipated Acquisition Date: Click to enter text.
Date of appraisal, if already completed: Click to enter text.
Please include appraisal summary sheet with the application to DCR.
☐ A State-certified Review Appraiser has reviewed the appraisal and has determined that it was prepared in conformity with the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions.
OR
☐ The applicant will obtain a Review Appraisal as per UASFLA requirements.

C. Property information

- 1. From whom is this property being purchased? Click to enter text.
- 2. Are any buildings or structures being purchased along with the property?
 - a \square No
 - b. ☐ Yes Describe what is planned for those structures and whether the grant funded project includes the value of those structures.
 Click to enter text.
- 3. How will the site be made open and accessible for public outdoor recreation use (signage, entries, parking, site improvements, allowable activities, etc.)?

 Click to enter text.
- 4. When will access to the site for public outdoor recreation become available? Click to enter text.

	5.	Describe development planned for the site(s) for the three (3) years following acquisition. As this will impact NHPA and NEPA compliance, focus on what you reasonably expect to accomplish. Click to enter text.
	6.	If development will be delayed by more than three years from grant close, explain why this acquisition is still a priority for grant funding at this time and what ability the public will have to use the site in the interim. Click to enter text.
	7.	Is this acquisition an addition to an existing park or other recreation area? a. □ No b. □ Yes − How will it support and enhance that existing park? Click to enter text.
D.		 quisition approach Is this property being acquired under threat of condemnation? a. □ No b. □ Yes – Explain: Click to enter text.
	2.	 Was the property listed for public sale? a. □ No b. □ Yes – Explain how the property owner was made aware of the grant sponsor interest in the property. Click to enter text.
	3.	 Does this project involve donated property? a. □ No b. □ Yes – Include evidence that the seller was offered the fair market value of the property as just compensation and willingly chose to donate the property instead. (If the donation is subject to a waiver of retroactivity the evidence must pre-date the donation.) Click to enter text.

SECTION 2.2 (DEVELOPMENT AND COMBINATION GRANTS ONLY – ACQUISITION PROJECTS SKIP TO SECTION 3.0)

A. Grant elements

1. What new facilities will be constructed as part of this project?

Four new vault toilets and a courtesy pier will all be constructed and installed at this site.

2. What existing facilities will be renovated or replaced (specify which) as part of this project?

Road work will be done to improve access and maintain access when other entry points are blocked due to maintenance.

3. What general site improvements (e.g. demolition, site preparation, landscaping, habitat improvements, etc.) will be completed as part of this project?

This project would repair 2 segments of road on Clinch Mountain Wildlife Management Area. The first section would repave a section that has crumbled and in disrepair. The second section would replace and fix culverts that are no longer serviceable. This would ensure continued access for a wide variety of users and ensure continued access to DWRs lands and facilities.

4. What is the anticipated life span of the facilities that will be funded as part of this project?

Courtesy Pier = 20 years

Vault Toilet = 20 years

Roadwork = 10 years

5. Does the project scope include facilities that also eligible for Dingell-Johnson or Wallop-Breaux Act funding (i.e., boat/fish access)?

a. 🛛 No

b. \square Yes – Please contact DWR and DCR for verification.

B. Design elements

1. What design elements are included that contribute to preserving environmental resources as part of ensuring a quality outdoor recreation experience for present and future generations?

In the short term this project will provide increased access and enjoyment of the experience with the addition of the amenities. In the long term the roadwork will provide additional access in the event other roads need to be repaired. The amenities will allow new users groups to get out and use DWR facilities increasing support for the agencies mission.

SECTION 3.0 SITE INFORMATION (ALL APPLICANTS)

A. Basic information 1. Will this proposal create a new public park/recreation area where none previously existed? a. 🛛 No b. \square Yes – Explain: Click to enter text. 2. If this is an existing LWCF site, has the park name changed since the last grant? a. 🛛 No b. \square Yes – Explain: Click to enter text. 3. Is this project located in a floodplain? a. 🛛 No b. \square Yes – Explain and confirm that you will meet applicable federal insurance requirements. Click to enter text. 4. Is your site contiguous with or connected to any federally owned recreation area? a. \square No b. \boxtimes Yes – Explain: George Washington and Jefferson National Forest 5. Is your site part of a larger management area, such as a greenway or regional recreation area? a. \square No b. \boxtimes Yes – Explain: This project is part of Clinch Mountain Wildlife Management Area 6. Describe the existing site conditions. Currently this is a rustic site with lake, hunting trails, sighting in range, and fee fishing area 7. Explain why the site is suitable for the type of outdoor recreation proposal being submitted. This site is suitable for this type of outdoor recreation because people are already familiar with the WMA and the upgrades will enhance their experience and help encourage others to use the site 8. Does the site include any elements that visually detract from the outdoor recreation experience or that represent a potential public safety hazard? a. 🛛 No b. \square Yes – Explain and describe whether this project will help to address those concerns. Click to enter text. 9. What is/will be the applicant's type of ownership and control of the property? a. \boxtimes Fee simple ownership.

b. Less than fee simple. Explain what rights the applicant has and what agency holds the

Click to enter text.

underlying fee simple ownership.

B.		ewardship considerations Is this a multi-use site (i.e. school, reservoir, state forest, etc.)? a. ⊠ No b. □ Yes – Explain: i. How often will the public have recreation access to the site? ii. What kinds of restrictions to public outdoor recreation will occur?
	2.	Describe the nature of any rights-of-way, easements, reversionary interests, etc. within the proposed LWCF boundary area:
		None
	3.	Are there any pre-existing or planned indoor facilities on site that would not themselves be eligible for LWCF grant funding? a. ⊠ No b. □ Yes − Describe and explain how/if the structure(s) support public outdoor recreation.
		Click to enter text.
	4.	Is the proposed LWCF boundary the same as the boundary of the park/recreation area as it exists in its totality?
		a. □ Yes
		 b. ⊠ No – Explain any area proposed for exclusion and why, and ensure it is clearly depicted on the proposed LWCF boundary map
		Just the area along the road improvements and the lake shoreline
	5.	Are there any pre-existing or planned resource management practices (i.e. timber management, grazing, etc.)?
		 a. No b. Yes – Describe the nature of the practice, the anticipated duration, and how the practice supports outdoor recreation.
		Clinch Mountain Wildlife Management Area is actively managed for habitat and wildlife. There are plantings for wildlife and some timber management may be conducted nearby that would further enhance the habitat value for wildlife and improve wildlife viewing opportunities.
	6.	Are there any pre-existing or planned uses on site that are incompatible with LWCF requirements that should be excluded from the LWCF boundary? a. No
		b. \[\sumset \text{Yes} - Describe the nature of the use and ensure it is clearly depicted on the proposed LWCF boundary map. Clarify whether the future intent is for the area to become subject to LWCF once the use is terminated, or if the intent is for the use to continue within the park in perpetuity. Click to enter text.

c. \square Lease. Include a copy of the lease with the application.

C. Environmental Resources Survey

NPS requires all NEPA environmental review and NHPA Section 106 review and documentation to be complete at the time of project submission to NPS. DCR's target date for NPS submission for projects selected in this grant round is the June-July 2022 submission window. The tables on the following pages will be submitted with the complete project package to NPS at that time.

For the purposes of the application, please describe any and all NEPA and Section 106 agency review correspondence that has been completed to date in question 39 of the **2022 DCR Application Form**. The agency correspondence does not need to be complete to submit an application to DCR.

Then, please fill out the tables below based on agency correspondence to date. Check the question mark (?) box for information not yet verified.

Selected project applicants will be required to complete the NEPA review and Section 106 review and finalize these tables in Spring 2022.

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The tables below serves as a record of the environmental resources present at the site, whether the proposed action is likely to have a significantly negative impact those resources, and whether further information is needed to determine the potential impact. Review the listed resources and identify any resources that may be significantly impacted by the action.

The Environmental Resources Survey should be completed with professional input from resource experts and in consultation with relevant local, state, tribal, and federal governments, as appropriate.

Table 1 - For each resource indicate if positive impacts or negative impacts are anticipated to result from the action or if further information is needed to determine the potential impact.

- + indicates positive impacts are anticipated to result from the action
- indicates negative impacts are anticipated to result from the action
- ? indicates further information is needed to determine the potential impact

Site Name:

	How will the project affect the following resources?	+	•	?
1	Air quality	\boxtimes		
2	Circulation and transportation	\boxtimes		
3	Climate	\boxtimes		
4	Contamination or hazardous materials even if remediated	\boxtimes		
5	Endangered species: (listed or proposed threatened or endangered) including associated habitat			
6	Environmental justice: minority and low-income populations	\boxtimes		
7	Geological resources: soils, bedrock, slopes, streambeds, landforms, etc.	\boxtimes		
8	Historic or cultural resources			\boxtimes
9	Invasive species	\boxtimes		
10	Land use plans or policies from other agencies including tribes	\boxtimes		
11	Lightscapes, especially night sky	\boxtimes		
12	Migratory birds	\boxtimes		
13	Recreation resources	\boxtimes		
14	Socioeconomics: changes to tax base or competition with private sector	\boxtimes		
15	Sound (noise impacts)	\boxtimes		

	How will the project affect the following resources?	+	-	?
16	Unique ecosystems, such as biosphere reserves, World Heritage	\boxtimes		
	sites, old growth forests, etc.			
17	Water quality and/or quantity	\boxtimes		
18	Water: coastal barrier resources or coastal zones	\boxtimes		
19	Water: marine and/or estuarine	\boxtimes		
20	Water: stream flow characteristics	\boxtimes		
21	Water: wetlands and floodplains	\boxtimes		
22	Other important resources			
	Explain:			

Table 2 – This is a list of mandatory impact criteria that preclude the use of a categorical exclusion. If you answer "yes" or "?" for any of the mandatory criteria, you must develop an EA or EIS regardless of your answers in table 1.

Site Name:

	Will your proposal:	Y	N	?
1	Have significant negative impacts on public health or safety?		\boxtimes	
2	Have significant negative impacts on unique natural resource or geographic characteristics such as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation, or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands; floodplains; national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas?			
3	Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources?			
4	Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?		\boxtimes	
5	Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?			
6	Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects?			
7	Have significant adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places as determined by NPS?			
8	Have significant negative impacts to species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species or have significant impacts on designated critical habitat for these species?			\boxtimes
9	Violate a federal law, or a state, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?		\boxtimes	
10	Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EO 12898)?		\boxtimes	
11	Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites?		\boxtimes	
12	Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or nonnative invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species?			

	1.	 Have there been any previous NEPA/SEPA documents that are relevant to this project or this specific site? a. ⊠ No b. □ Yes – Attach and summarize findings and include page number references below Click to enter text.
	2.	Explain any negative or unknown impacts identified in Table 1 of the Environmental Resources Survey, or any boxes marked "yes" in Table 2 (mandatory criteria).
		Coordination with appropriate regulatory agencies and tribes is necessary to determine whether or not impacts will result from the proposed acquisition and potential for impact. However, with the exception of tribal access to the property, the acquisition action itself will have no negative impacts to any environmental resources. We hope to update boxes checked as "unknown" to "no" with final feedback from consulting agencies. We may adjust the location(s) of vault toilets if the results of the reviews determine such action is necessary.
	3.	How was the information identified in the tables derived and what sources of data were used to justify the impact selection? Prior experience of the DWR with these types of construction activities.
	4.	Who contributed to filling out the Environmental Resources Survey (include name, title, agency) and what qualifications do they have that provide the necessary resource expertise to determine impact significance?
		Rebecca Gwynn, Deputy Director, Department of Wildlife Resources. 34 years experience coordinating land acquisitions, protecting endangered species, restoring and conserving wetlands, and addressing water quality issues.
	5.	List all required federal, state, and local permits/approvals needed for the proposal and explain their purpose and status. Click to enter text.
D.	Cu	Itural and historic resources review Have there been any previous cultural and/or historic resource surveys completed that included this site within the area of potential effect that was assessed?
		\boxtimes No – Describe any construction planned as a result of this project that will extend beyond the pre-existing disturbance area (including surface area and depth).
		\square Yes – Attach survey and summarize findings and include page number references below.

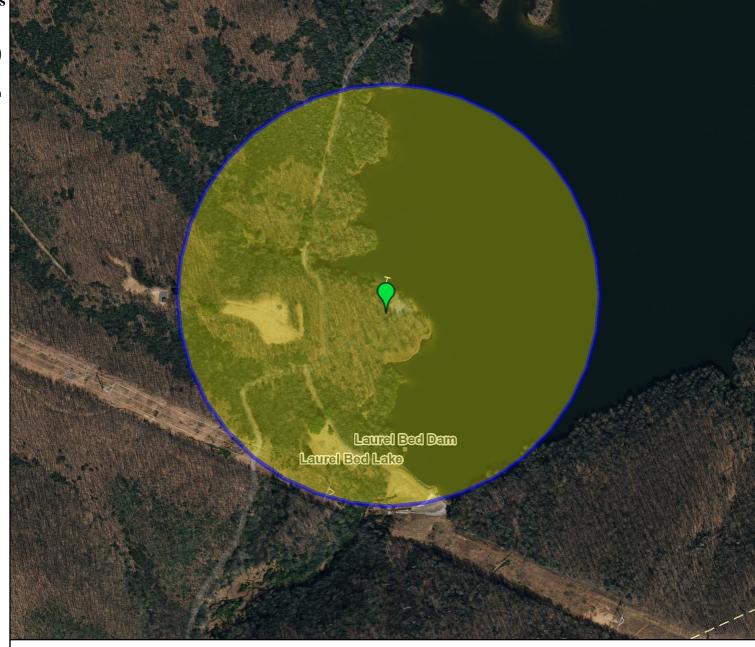
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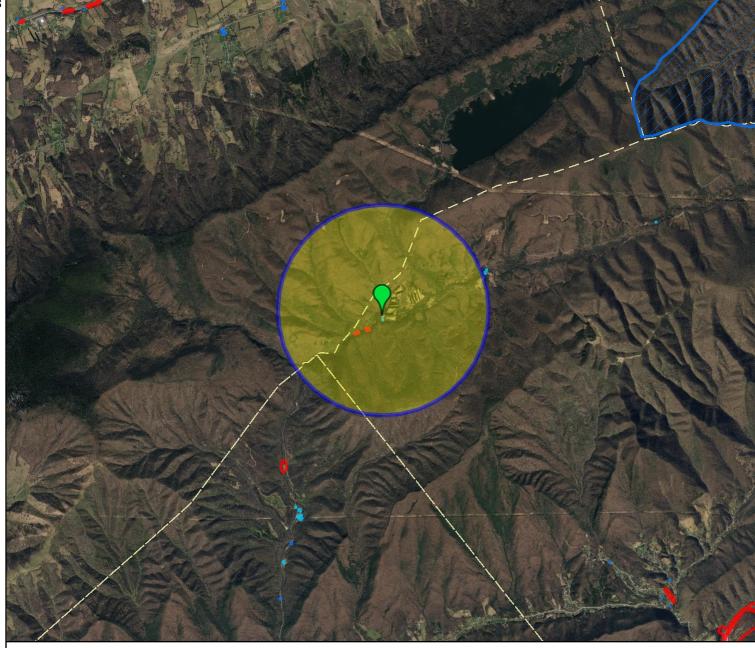
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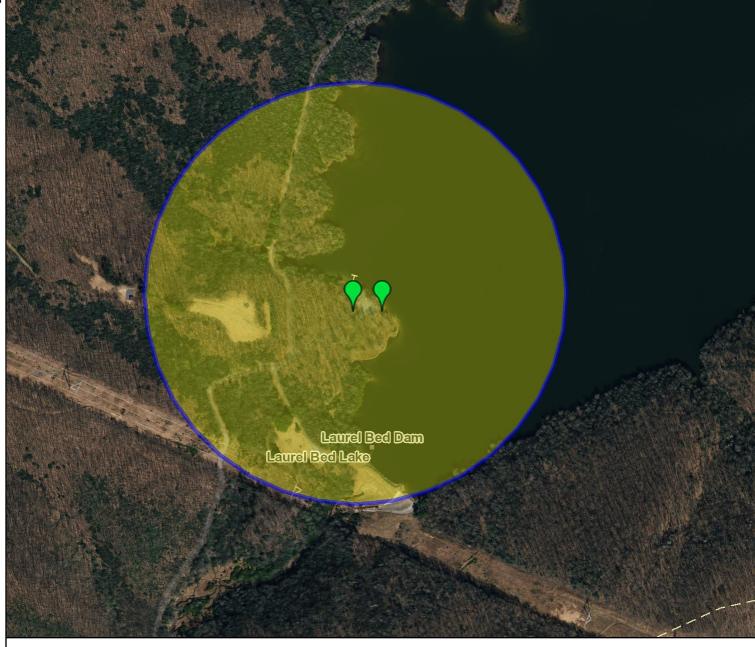
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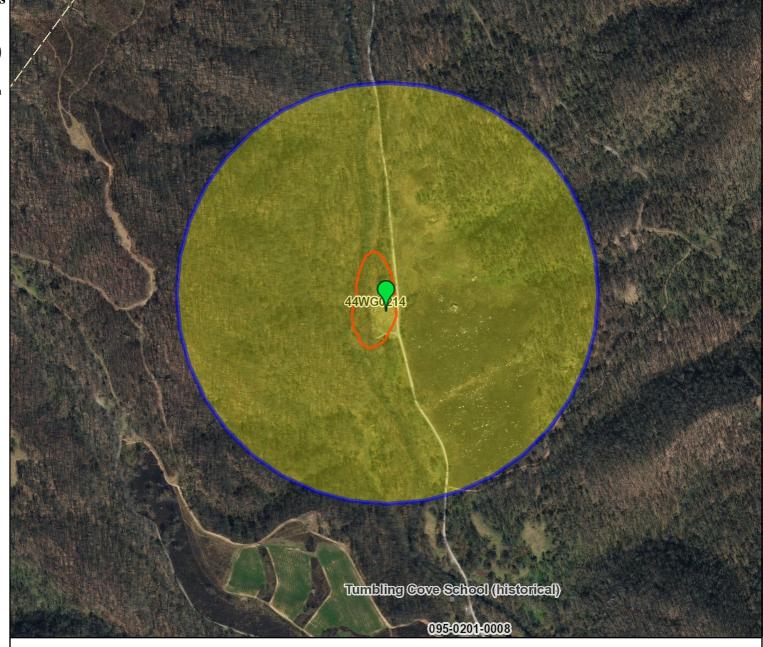
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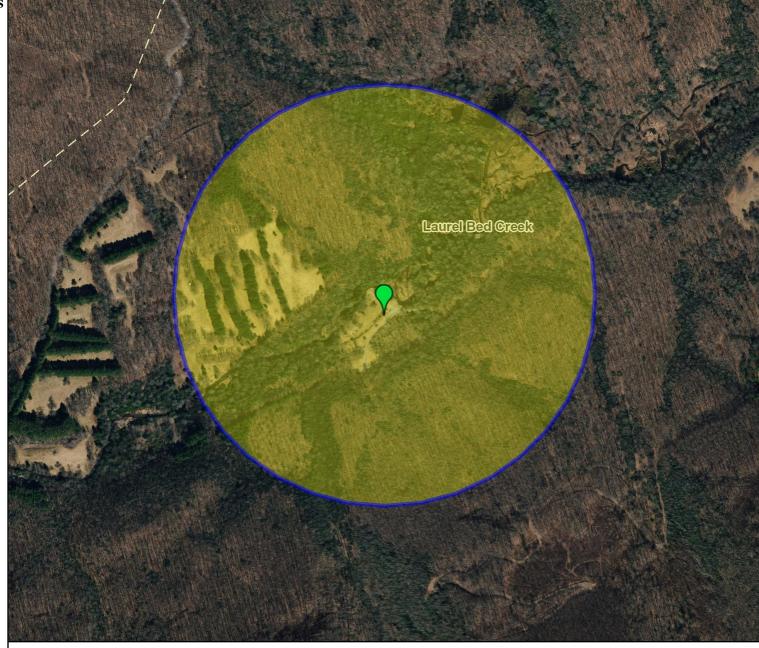
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