



## Northampton County Livable Landscapes Grant Program

### 2020 GRANT APPLICATION ANNOUNCEMENT



Northampton County's **Livable Landscapes Grant Program** provides grant opportunities to support municipal parks, land preservation, and environmental projects. It includes land conservation, ecological restoration, and municipal park rehabilitation and development.

All applicants and grantees are expected to follow the **Livable Landscapes Grant Program Guidelines** (2019) to complete a grant application and grant administration, if awarded. This is a **reimbursement grant**, with a **50% match** required by the grantee of the total project cost. If the match commitment changes, it is up to the applicant/grantee to notify the County's Conservation Coordinator. Additional requirements are in the grant guidelines.

**Grant Program Purpose:** *to protect the County's important natural features by assisting municipalities and organizations to acquire, restore, and enhance permanently protected lands to conserve natural resources and provide outdoor recreation for future generations.*

#### **2020 Grant Program Priorities**

- **Land conservation:** fee simple acquisition or conservation easement of critical habitat, natural areas, agricultural lands, forest, and land threatened by development
- **Ecological restoration:** riparian buffers, stream stabilization and habitat improvements, native grass & wildflower meadows, rain gardens, and climate change adaptations
- **Education and outreach:** adopt environmental regulations to protect natural resources, open space, riparian corridors, greenways, and trails
- **Municipal Park development and rehabilitation:** recreation and trails, with green infrastructure, best management practices, and stormwater management strategies
- Regional trail connections such as: Two Rivers Area Trail, Northern Tier Trail, D&L Trail



## **\*2020 Livable Landscapes Grant Timeline**

- **March 4, 2020** Grant application round opens
- **March 25, 2020, 9:00–11:30 am** - conducted by **Zoom teleconference\***

**\*Join the Zoom meeting from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:**

<https://psu.zoom.us/j/537002033?pwd=WW1Ecy9pZjdaUnRLN2JZVDY3NmtXUT09>

Password: 003460

Or iPhone one-tap (US Toll): +16468769923, 537002033# or +16699006833, 537002033#

- Or Telephone, Dial:
  - +1 646 876 9923 (US Toll)
  - +1 669 900 6833 (US Toll)
  - Meeting ID: 537 002 033
- **April 30, 2020 by 3 pm** - Grant applications are due **\*via electronic submission only** (PDF format) to [sacevedo@northamptoncounty.org](mailto:sacevedo@northamptoncounty.org) **by the date and time listed**
  - **No hard copy submissions will be accepted;** only electronic submissions of completed application and all grant documents will be accepted by the date and time by 3 pm, April 30, 2020

\*Contact: Sherry L. Acevedo, Conservation Coordinator, Northampton County Division of Parks & Recreation to discuss your project - email [sacevedo@northamptoncounty.org](mailto:sacevedo@northamptoncounty.org)

- Project completion, final closeout report and inspection before **December 31, 2022**

## **Complete and Submit Grant Application Checklist\* (Appendix IV)**

- ✓ Completed Grant Application Form – **Appendix I**
- ✓ Completed Supplemental Information – **Appendix II** – all items are required; a thorough narrative (up to three pages) of all items listed in **1. Project Narrative/Scope of Work**
- ✓ Adopted Resolution – **Appendix III**
- ✓ Letter(s) of local match commitment (with itemized breakdown of cash and/or in-kind contributions)
- ✓ Letter(s) of support
- ✓ Real Estate appraisal for fee simple acquisition or conservation easement
- ✓ Copy of Sales Agreement (if completed)

Download the Livable Landscapes grant application - Northampton County website, Division of Parks & Recreation <https://www.northamptoncounty.org/PUBWRKS/PARKREC/Pages/default.aspx>

*\*The County of Northampton reserves the right to request additional information to supplement the submitted application as needed. Incomplete applications are subject to being rejected.*

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