**Natural Resources Conservation Council

2022 Clean Water Design and Implementation Block Grant
Application Form**

*Please provide the following information about your project. In addition to reviewing the RFA, it is strongly recommended that you review the Projects Types Table and complete the Project Eligibility and Readiness Screening Form before filling out this application form.*

 **Applicant Information**

Organization Name:

Contact Person:

Phone: Email:

 **Project Information**

Project Name:

Watersheds Project Database Number(s):

Project Location Town:

Project Location Watershed:

Is the project on private land?

Project Type (please see the Project Types Table for details):

Project Steps (check all that apply):

\_\_\_\_ Preliminary Design \_\_\_\_ Final Design \_\_\_\_ Implementation

If this is a design project, do you have confirmation from project stakeholders that it can move to implementation soon after completion of the design?

If this is an implementation project, has the landowner signed or indicated willingness to sign an Operation and Maintenance agreement for the usable life of the project? (at least 10 years)

Anticipated Project Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Project Completion Date:   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Projects and all deliverables must be completed by October 31, 2024.*

 **Project Costs**

*Budgets listed below should match your attached budget template and include project completion and indirect costs. Applicants should check page 22 of the FY21 CWIP Funding Policy to verify if a proposal requires leveraged funds. Match/leverage above the required  amount may make an application more competitive.*

Total Funding Requested: $

Required Leverage (Match): $

Total Leverage (Match) Provided: $

*See page 22 of the FY21 CWIP Funding Policy for leverage (match) requirements* 1

**Project Description**

Please provide a detailed description of your project, including:

* A brief summary of the project and work proposed
* What metrics the project will accomplish (please check the Project Types Table for  eligible reporting metrics specific to each project type) and associated benefits
* What entity will provide maintenance/sign an O&M agreement for the project
* Any necessary details on how your project meets the associated criteria found in the Project Types Table and FY 2021CWIP Funding Policy, and/or justification of any costs that do not have an immediately apparent water quality benefit

**Project Need and Importance**Applicants need to demonstrate the priority and importance of proposed projects. This is typically done through the project’s identification as a priority project and/or in an assessment or plan (Tactical Basin Plan, Stormwater Master Plan, etc.). However, in some cases (when a plan does not exist for an area, or when a plan does not include recent events such as flooding or storm damage, etc.), priority can be demonstrated through recommendations from DEC staff. In the space below, please provide details on the project’s priority including:

* What plans identify the project as a priority and its ranking, if applicable
* Why the project is a high priority (including the primary benefit and any secondary benefits)
* Other details relevant to the project’s prioritization and feasibility (including DEC staff recommendations)

**Submitting Your Application:**To submit your application, please attach all necessary documentation **as a single pdf** in an email to NRCC Grants and Finance Specialist Lina Smith at lina.smith@vacd.org with the subject "2022 NRCC Clean Water Design and Implementation Grant Application".

Include the following in your application:

* Completed Eligibility and Readiness Screening Form
* Completed Application Form
* Project Locator Map (including all layers where possible natural resources concerns occur, as determined by the Natural Resources Screening section of the application)
* Documentation of written project approval by all relevant DEC programs found through DEC’s project database/natural resource screening tools (email meets this requirement, with the language “approval to proceed with the project” OR “approval with conditions to proceed with the project”)
* Completed Project Budget Template
* Project Design if applicable
* Itemized quotes received from contractors if applicable
* Any additional materials that will help clarify/support the project, including photos, letters of support, Operation & Maintenance agreement, and/or documentation of landowner/municipal permission.

Contact Jill Arace, VACD Executive Director for questions about application requirements at jill.arace@vacd.org

 **The application deadline is Monday, October 24, 2022.**