U.S. Department of Agriculture
Rural Development

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APPLICANT'S FEASIBILITY REPORT

1. **Existing Facility.** Briefly describe what facilities you currently have or how service is currently provided.

The Town of Rock Hall has three mowing machines to maintain the landscape of town owned spaces. Each of them sees frequent use during the warm months when there is significant grass growth. They are critical to maintaining a pleasing appearance on town properties, parks, and other spaces.

The mower being requested would replace a piece of equipment that is barely functional and far past its useful life. The current mower used by the Town of Rock Hall has required a great deal of expensive repairs to just maintain in a semi-functional state. It would be far more cost effective to purchase a new mower that will not need constantly repairs than to continue using the one that does.

There is no current trailer in Rock Hall to transport the town's mowers. The mowers must be ridden to the location they are needed. This requires significant fuel to do so

2. **Proposed Facility.** Describe what you want to purchase or construct. Indicate what the facility will be used for, approximate size, and expected method of procurement. For buildings indicate location, basic materials or type of construction, and attach a sketch or working drawings. For items of major equipment, indicate new or used, existing or custom-built, and any special features.

The Town of Rock Hall is proposing to purchase a new mower for their landscaping operations to replace the aged and poorly functioning one. This mower is expected to have a useful life of 10-15 years. This mower would continue to perform the same activities that the current mowers perform in terms of cutting grass in public town-owned locations.

Additionally, Rock Hall is seeking to purchase a trailer that can fit both this new mower and the other mowers used by the town. This would allow them to be towed easily from their storage facility to locations around town where they are needed. This would save the town on fuel costs from driving the mowers themselves directly to their locations. It would also save time for those operating the mowers as towing them to their destination would be much quicker. The trailer would be potentially useful for other town operations in addition to carrying the mowers though the mowers are the primary use for them.

3. **Need for the Facility.** Indicate why the proposed facility is needed.

The cost of repairing the current mower is creating difficulties for the town as a whole and more expensive in the long run than simply purchasing a new mower. However the cost of purchasing a mower in the short term is too much for the town due to the poor economic circumstances of the area.

The poverty rate in Rock Hall (23.1%) is two and a half times the state rate of 9.1%. The Kent County poverty rate is 13.1%. This also supports the town’s need for grant funding for this project. The median household income is $41,875, almost half of the median household income for the state of Maryland, which is $78,916.

4. **Service Area.** Indicate what area the proposed facility will serve and, if known, the population or number of families served.

The service area is the area within the municipal boundaries of the Town of Rock Hall, MD.

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5. **Cost Estimate.**

Development and construction	$
Land and rights	
Legal fees	
Architect and Engineer	
Equipment	32,692.00
Refinancing	
Other (describe)	
Total	$32,692.00

6. **Income.** List the sources and estimate the amount of expected revenue for a typical year.

No revenue is expected to be generated by this equipment.

7. **Other Funds.** List the sources and amount of funds that may be available other than from USDA, to fund part of the project (such as applicant's contributions, commercial loans, or loans or grants from other government agencies).

Funds not provided by USDA will be paid from the applicant's cash on hand.

8. **Operating History.** If you have operated a similar facility, attach audits, financial statements, or lists of income and expenses for the past five years. See attached financial information.

9. Signature and Title of Applicant Official	Date
Town Manager	