



GREENSPACE EQUITY PROGRAM Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Application and Project Agreement

GREENSPACE EQUITY PROJECT # _____

DNR Use Only

A. PROJECT INFORMATION: Please fill out all sections of the form completely unless otherwise indicated.

Type of Project: (check one) ☐ Acquisition ☒ Development ☐ Combination

Project Name: Newtown Park Perimeter Trail

Street Address: 2001 Groton Road

City/Town: Pocomoke County: Worcester Zip: 21851

County Tax Map: 84 Grid: 15 Parcel: 36 Lot: _____

SDAT Account Identifier: 004093

District-Subdivision-Account Number or Ward-Section-Block-Lot (as applicable)

MD Legislative District: 38A

Click [here](#) to find the 2022 Legislative District (Number 1-47)

Confirm the project location is eligible for Greenspace Equity Program Funding:

[Click here for map to verify](#) (check one)

☐ Overburdened ☐ Underserved ☒ Both Overburdened and Underserved

☐ **Adjacent** Projects on a property located in a census tract that is adjacent to an overburdened or an underserved community may be eligible if the eligible applicant holds a conservation easement or owns the property in fee simple.

Project Period From: _____ Date of Letter of Acknowledgement (DNR Use Only)
To: 5/1/2027 Estimated Date of Completion

For Acquisition Project, Estimated Date of Closing: _____

For Development Project, Estimated Proposed Project Timeline:

a. Design Start Date (if applicable)	<u>7/1/2026</u>	b. Design End Date	<u>9/1/2026</u>
c. Construction Start Date	<u>2/1/2027</u>	d. Construction End Date	<u>5/1/2027</u>

B. BUDGET DETAILS:

ACQUISITION projects - fill in sections 1, 3, and 4. DEVELOPMENT projects - fill in sections 2, 3, and 4.
COMBINATION projects - fill in all sections.

1. ACQUISITION**a. Land Costs**

Name of Appraiser (At least two independent appraisals are required)	Date of Appraisal	Appraisal Amount	\$ per acre

The independent appraisals were performed by licensed real estate appraisers with qualifications consistent with industry standards and all applicable Local, State, and Federal statutes and regulations.

Initial Here:

Is the appraisal value reasonable relative to the area? If not, please explain.

Average of appraisals	Spread between appraisals (%)	Land Cost	Greenspace Equity Funds Requested

If the cost of the acquisition is not equal to the average of the two appraisals, please explain:

If the value of the high appraisal is more than 20% greater than the low appraisal, please explain.

b. Incidental Costs (associated due diligence costs, e.g., appraisals, surveys, title work, closing cost) – Itemized

Item	Cost	Greenspace Equity Funds Requested
Total Incidental Costs:		

1. TOTAL ACQUISITION COST: (sections a + b)**\$0.00**

Additional Narrative:

Match - Type (Cash, In-Kind, Donated), Source & Valuation:

2. DEVELOPMENT

Capital costs associated directly with project implementation, e.g., contractor, equipment, materials, signage. Project-specific in-house labor may be considered but must be clearly itemized.

Item	Quantity	Cost	Greenspace Equity Funds Requested
Engineering Services	1	12,000	12,000
Construction Services	1	175,000	175,000
Benches/Site Amenities	1	13,000	13,000

2. TOTAL DEVELOPMENT COST:**\$200,000**

Additional Narrative:

Match - Type (Cash, In-Kind, Donated), Source & Valuation:

3.a. ADMINISTRATIVE

Costs that don't fit any other category, such as general administration, operations overhead, supplies, consumables, community stipends. Explain the details and purpose in the Narrative box below. *Note: administrative costs cannot exceed 3% of section 1 for Acquisitions and section 2 for Development Projects.

Item	Quantity	Cost	Greenspace Equity Funds Requested
General Administration- In Kind	1	2,000	0

3.a. TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE COST:**\$0.00**

Additional Narrative:

Match - Type (Cash, In-Kind, Donated), Source & Valuation:

3.b. PROGRAM COMPLIANCE (only for monitoring easements - may be up to 1.5% of total requested Land + Incidental costs)

Item	Quantity	Cost	Greenspace Equity Funds Requested

3.b. TOTAL PROGRAM COMPLIANCE COST:**\$0.00**

Additional Narrative:

Match - Type (Cash, In-Kind, Donated), Source & Valuation:

4. TOTALS (Sum of 1-3) applicable to this agreement.

	Total Project Cost	Greenspace Equity Funds Requested
4. TOTAL COSTS:		\$200,000

C. PROJECT DETAILS: Please complete all questions. Do not just refer to an attached document without providing a brief response to the question in the space provided below.

1. Project Description (Please summarize the proposed project in 2-3 sentences. Attach a separate sheet to provide a further narrative of the project as needed.)

The proposed project is the development of an approximate 1-mile passive walking trail at Newtown Park. This project will utilize porous surfacing to protect the environment while creating passive recreation opportunities in an overburdened and underserved community.

2. Describe how the project serves overburdened and/or underserved communities.

Newtown Park is open 365 days a year from Dawn to Dusk, allowing overburdened and underserved citizens to utilize the trail during these hours. This project also creates accessibility throughout the park.

3. How will the project improve the conservation value of the land and/or provide conservation benefits to overburdened and/or underserved communities?

The proposed trail location will provide opportunities for the underserved community to have access to view and utilize greenspace without impacting the properties conservation efforts. Currently, Newtown Park utilizes "no mow" methods in and around the trail area to better promote wildlife habitat. The location of the trail will allow for informative and educational signage about conservation.

- 4. Public Access:** Describe the site, location, socioeconomics of the communities that will have access to this property. What you will do to promote general public access that will be available for this project? Note any restrictions or limitations.

The site is in Pocomoke, MD at Newtown Park. The surrounding area is diverse, with poverty spread throughout. Pocomoke district schools are all Title 1 schools. Worcester County Recreation and Parks will operate, maintain, and promote the trail. Our Department will also utilize assistance from partners to promote a healthy lifestyle through walking.

- 5. Collaboration, Partnerships, and Support:** Describe how this project engages, is supported by, and collaborates with each of the following groups. The applicant(s) must include community involvement in the development of the project. (Must include required accompanying documentation.)

a) County/Municipal Governments

Worcester County supports the project and efforts to provide passive recreation opportunities that support a healthy lifestyle. The Worcester County Health Department will help promote the trail as it encourages healthy habits. Please see the attached support letter from the Worcester County Health Department.

b) Land Trusts and/or Nongovernmental Organizations

Worcester County Recreation Boosters, a 501C3, supports the project and purpose behind building a trail at Newtown Park. Please see attached support letter from the Recreation Boosters.

c) Local businesses and residents of the overburdened/underserved community

The trail will provide an amenity to the park, which will increase foot traffic in the Park, increasing customers at local businesses that are nearby.

- 6. Public Health:** Describe how this project enhances the public health, livability, and greenspace in the overburdened community or underserved community.

The main goal of providing a passive walking trail is public health. The trail will provide walking access for the community in a safe environment, while enjoying open greenspace at Newtown Park. Worcester County Health Departments supports this project as it targets public health.

- 7. Playground Surfacing:** If this project includes installing playground surfacing materials, please confirm that the materials considered have all environmentally friendly materials safe for children, including but not limited to that they do not include more than 90 parts per million (ppm) of lead, or a component product, material, or substance to which PFAs (per- and polyfluoroalkyl) chemicals are added. (select one)

☒ Project does not include playground surfacing.

☐ Project includes playground surfacing and applicant confirms requirement.

☐ Project includes playground surfacing and applicant does not confirm requirement.

- 8. Describe the amount of financial or in-kind contributions from other sources for implementation of the project, if any:**

Worcester County will provide in-kind contributions which include project administration efforts.

9. Acquisition projects must be maintained for public use in perpetuity according to the requirements of this grant. How will the property be managed and funded for the intended use?

N/A

10. Development projects must be maintained for public use for a minimum of 15 years from the project completion date according to the requirements of this grant. How will the project be managed and funded for the intended use?

Worcester County Recreation and Parks will maintain the trail as needed. The trail is being designed to provide sufficient walking access for more than 15 years with little maintenance.

D. PROPERTY ACQUISITION/EASEMENT SECTION Fill out this section only if the project includes the fee simple acquisition of real property or the acquisition of a perpetual conservation easement.

1. This acquisition is (select one): ☐ Fee Simple or ☐ Perpetual Conservation Easement

a. Nearest town or community served: _____

b. Deed acres: _____

c. Acres to be funded with this acquisition: _____

d. Existing park acreage: _____

e. Planned ultimate acreage: _____

f. How many acres are:

Wooded: _____

Agricultural: _____

Floodplain: _____

In the Critical Area _____

Non-Tidal Wetlands _____

g. The topography is flat, steep, sloping or other (describe): _____

h. Road Frontage in feet: _____

Paved: _____

Unpaved: _____

i. This property is (select one): ☐ Improved or ☐ Unimproved

If improved, list all current improvements ~ identify size, condition, and future use of each improvement:

2. Explain Zoning: _____

a. Current Land Use: _____

b. Is the property currently being utilized at its highest and best use? _____

c. Highest and Best Use: _____

d. Developable potential - # of lots: _____

e. Subdivided? _____

If Yes, # of lots: _____

Average size of lots: _____

f. Utilities Available: _____

Water _____

Sewer _____

Electric _____

Gas _____

Phone _____

g. Environmental Hazards: _____

If there are any hazards, list them and identify how they will be addressed:

3. Potential Conflicts: Are there any potential conflicting uses or possible non-compatible uses being planned (e.g., road widening, utility easements, lease to others, etc.) which might require a Land-Use Conversion?

If yes, please explain the impact on the conflict and how this will be addressed:

N/A

4. Interim Use: Will there be an interim use on the property prior to park development, including rental, lease, and/or other management techniques?

If yes, please describe the interim use in detail and how long the use will be in effect before the park can be developed. (Note that any interim use must have prior approval by DNR.)

N/A

5. Seller's Name: _____

6. Title will be held by: _____
Name of County/Municipality and/or Land Trust (see required accompanying document)

E. Applicant Information and Authorization: Eligible applicants include a land trust or nongovernmental organization located or working in an overburdened community or an underserved community where a project is proposed to be implemented, or a county or municipality.

1a. Primary Applicant: Worcester County **b. Federal ID #** 52.6001064
c. Point of Contact Name: Kelly Rados **d. Title:** Director
e. Department: Recreation and Parks **f. Organization:** _____
g. Mailing Address: 1 West Market Street, Snow Hill Maryland 21863
h. Phone Number: 410-632-2144 **i. Cell Phone:** 410-632-2144
j. Email Address: krados@worcestermd.gov

k. As the authorized representative of the Primary Applicant, I have read the requirements of the Greenspace Equity Program and I agree to complete the Project described herein in accordance with all applicable Local, State and Federal laws, statutes, and regulations, and with the attachments included herewith and made a part thereof. Further, as the Primary Applicant, I agree that the approved funds will be used for the purpose of acquiring and/or developing the Property described herein and I have the primary responsibility for maintaining the Project.

Print Name: Kelly Rados **Title/Organization:** Director
Signature:  **Date:** 1/5/2026

2a. Co-Applicant: _____ **b. Federal ID #** _____
c. Point of Contact Name: _____ **d. Title:** _____
e. Department: _____ **f. Organization:** _____
g. Mailing Address: _____
h. Phone Number: _____ **i. Cell Phone:** _____
j. Email Address: _____

k. As the authorized representative of the Co-Applicant, I have read the requirements of the Greenspace Equity Program and I agree to complete the Project described herein in accordance with all applicable Local, State and Federal laws, statutes, and regulations, and with the attachments included herewith and made a part thereof. Further, as the Co-Applicant, I agree that funds encumbered for the Project shall be remitted directly to the Primary Applicant as the entity acquiring and/or the property, and I will assume responsibility for maintaining the Project should the Primary Applicant is unable to do so for any reason.

Print Name: _____ **Title/Organization:** _____
Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW (DNR Use Only)

Date: _____

By: _____

Department of Natural Resources – Greenspace Equity Program Approval:

BPW Approval Date: _____

BPW Agenda Item Number: _____

Signature: _____

Accompanying Document Checklist:

All Projects:

- ☒ **Area map** (i.e. street map with the project location clearly identified)
- ☒ **Site Plan** (where on the property will the work be completed)
- ☒ **Deed and/or Property SDAT**
- ☐ **Easement, Lease, or Joint Use Agreement** (if the applicant does not own the property)
- ☒ **Evidence of Partnership and Collaboration Among Local Governments, Land Trusts, Nongovernmental Organizations, and Community Organizations**
- ☒ **Evidence of Support from the Local Government and Overburdened Community or Underserved Community in which the project will be located**
- ☒ **Pre-Project photos**

Acquisition Project Additional Documents:

- ☐ **Two Independent Appraisals**
- ☐ **Current Deed**
- ☐ **Succession Plan** (Required if governmental agency is not an applicant)

(In the event the land trust ceases to exist or can no longer own or manage the property or steward the easement, please identify how the responsibility will be transferred to another viable and eligible entity.)

Nongovernmental Organization:

Land Trusts

- ☐ **Select one and provide documentation:**
 - ☐ Is a Qualified Organization under s.170(H)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and any regulations adopted under that section;
 - ☐ Has executed a Cooperative Agreement with the Maryland Environmental Trust; or
 - ☐ Is an affordable housing land trust as defined in s.14-501 of the Real Property Article.
- ☐ **Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, etc.**
- ☐ **Business SDAT** ([Click here](#), print the "General Information" tab of the applicant(s))

Nonprofits (Provide documentation):

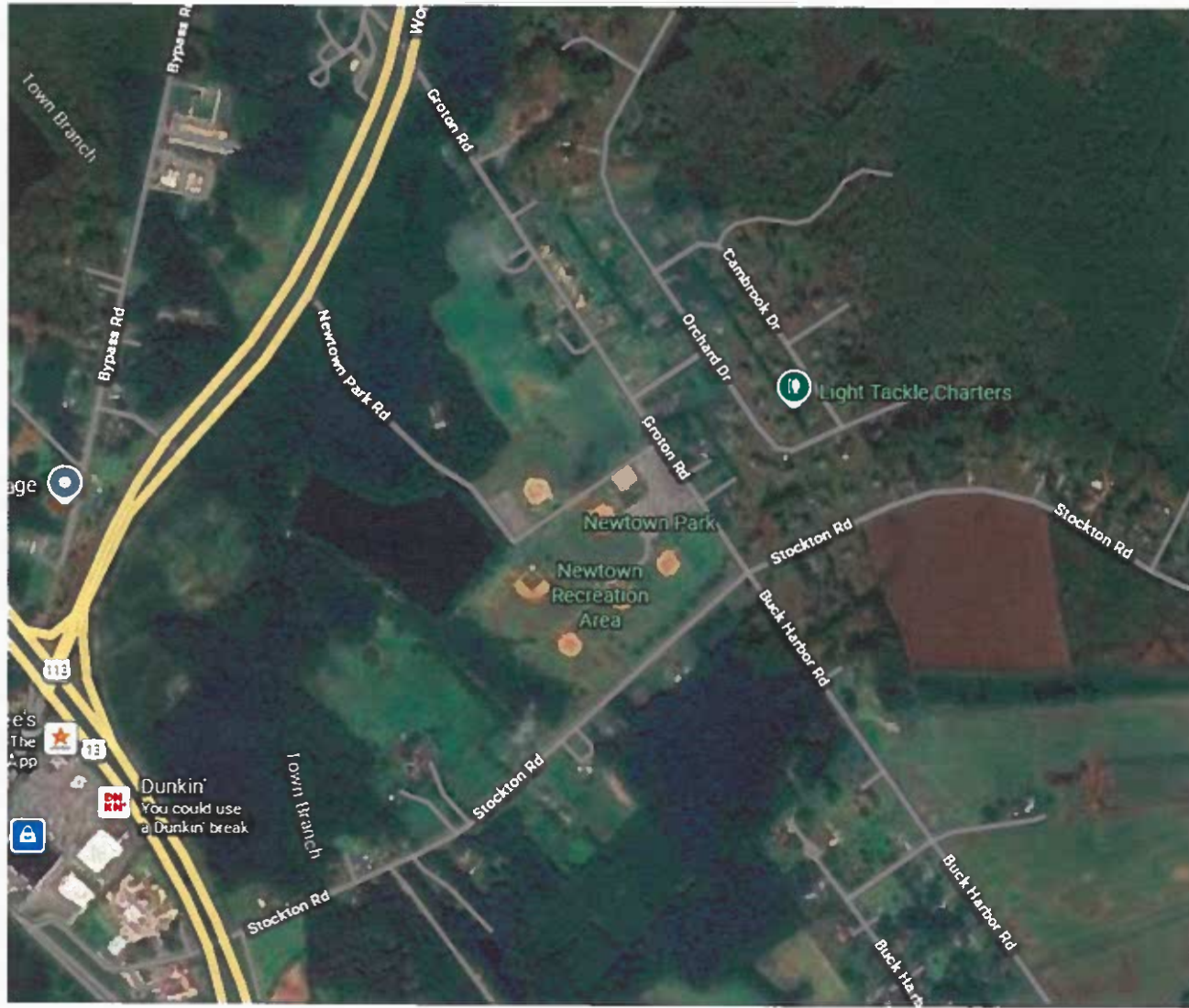
- ☐ **Confirmation of nonprofit status 501(c)(3)**
- ☐ **Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, etc.**
- ☐ **Business SDAT** ([Click here](#), print the "General Information" tab of the applicant(s))

Other Nongovernmental Organizations (Provide typed documentation on separate paper):

- ☐ **How the applicant is organized** (membership, leadership structure)
- ☐ **Provide example(s) of other project(s) this applicant has completed**
- ☐ **Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, etc.**
- ☐ **Business SDAT** ([Click here](#), print the "General Information" tab of the applicant(s))



Purple Line depicts proposed trail. Blue is current asphalt sidewalk.



Road Map

Pre-Existing Conditions

