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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
NATURAL HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION
LOCAL OPEN SPACE CONSERVATION & ACQUISITION GRANT**

Instructions: Save this form on your computer and fill in information for the questions below.

Submission: Email completed grant applications and required attachments to brendan.buckless@dem.ri.gov

Questions?: Contact Brendan Buckless: brendan.buckless@dem.ri.gov or 401-537-4486

PROJECT AND SPONSOR IDENTIFICATION

1. Applicant Name: _____ Tax # [FEIN]: _____
(If municipal land trust, use town FEIN#)
2. SIGNATURE: by checking this box, the person filling out this application certifies that he or she is eligible to submit said application on behalf of the applicant.
Name and title: _____ Date: _____
3. Address: _____
4. Telephone (office, home or cell): _____
5. Email Address: _____

PROPERTY INFORMATION

1. Address of property to be acquired: _____
2. Assessor's Plat and Lot number(s): _____
3. Acreage to be acquired: _____
4. Current Owner(s) of Property: _____
5. Interest to be acquired: (fee simple, development rights, conservation easement, etc.):

If needed, provide additional details:

6. Appraised Value (if known): _____ Source and Date of Appraisal: _____

OTHER INFORMATION

1. Describe current status of property: is it for sale, under contract? Provide any additional details:

2. Are there structures on the property? Yes No

If yes, describe them and how they will be used:

COSTS/FINANCIAL DATA

1. Estimated cost of Land Acquisition, *not* including overhead: _____

2. Proposed Funding Sources:

State Grant (50% of appraised value MAX.): _____

Applicant: _____

Private: _____

Landowner Donation: _____

Other Funds (please specify): _____ source:

Total Funding: _____

Please note that appraisal, survey and title costs are eligible for 50% reimbursement after closing.

PROJECT NARRATIVE/SUMMARY (limit of 2,750 characters)

1. Summarize the key elements that make protecting the property important
2. Summarize the natural characteristics and ecological value of the property

CRITERIA INFORMATION - you must limit your response to the amount of space designated below each question; please be concise.

A. HABITAT PROTECTION (25 Points)

1. Of the following natural communities, check any that have been positively identified on the property:

Estuarine Intertidal Wetlands

Morainal Grassland

Freshwater Tidal Marsh

Maritime/ Inland Dune System

Coastal Plain Pond and/or pond shore

Pitch Pine/Scrub Oak Barren

Open Peatland (Bogs and Fens)

Calcareous Habitats (forests, outcrops, etc.)

Vernal Pools

Other:

Undeveloped coastal land

Describe all type(s) that are present, including acreage and condition.

2. Does the property support, or is it capable of supporting, rare/endangered species? Identify the species and sources of information.

B. PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Is the protection of this specific property or its surrounding areas identified in any of the following:

1. A specific action in the town's Comprehensive Plan Implementation Program? Yes _____ No _____
Provide details and citation

2. An implementation action in an element of the State Guide Plan? Yes _____ No _____
Provide details and citation

3. An implementation action in any other conservation plan? Yes _____ No _____
Provide name of plan, details and citation or attach if not available online

C. OTHER RESOURCE PROTECTION

1. Does the property contain prime or important agricultural soils under production that will be preserved and maintained in agriculture as part of the property acquisition?

Yes _____ No _____ If yes, identify how many acres and briefly describe:

2. Are there any historic or archaeological resources on the property that will be protected through its acquisition?

Yes _____ No _____ If yes, briefly describe:

3. Is the property in a scenic corridor or does it otherwise provide a significant scenic vista?

Yes _____ No _____ If yes, briefly describe:

D. URBAN HABITAT PROTECTION

If the property is located in an urban area, please describe how the open space or habitat values of the property are significant or unique in the context of the urban community:

E. PUBLIC RECREATION OPPORTUNITY

1. Will the property provide public recreational opportunities? Yes No
If yes, briefly describe activities to be allowed, use restrictions, programming, and amenities currently available or to be provided such as parking and trails.

2. Will the property provide a connection between a neighborhood or population center and protected openspace or significant natural resource? Yes No
If yes, describe the open space or natural resource.

F. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

1. Please describe the existing and planned use and management of this property including any conservation/management practices/plans.
2. Describe how the planned use of the property appropriately considers the habitat/natural resources identified for protection:
3. Describe who will manage the property and the experience and capacity of the management entity:
4. Is your entity accredited with the Land Trust Alliance? Yes No

Required Attachments: please attach only the following documents:

1. Copy of a **map** clearly depicting the property boundaries and any buildings, parking areas, and trailheads
2. **Landowner intent form** to allow inspection (please use form found on our website:
<http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/planning/grants/index.php>)
3. Evidence of the **governing board's consent** to make application and its commitment to keeping the property open in perpetuity. If multi-community application, provide evidence for all governing boards.

EMAIL COMPLETE APPLICATION AND ATTACHMENTS TO:
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