

2020 ROOTS FOR RIVERS REFORESTATION GRANT AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

We are pleased to announce that The Nature Conservancy (TNC) is partnering with Sustainable Jersey and The Watershed Institute on another round of the Roots for Rivers Reforestation Grant and Technical Assistance Program. The program will support the efforts of municipalities, school districts, local non-profit organizations, conservation groups, and government agencies to undertake floodplain reforestation initiatives.

(Project sites located on private land are NOT eligible for this program)



HOW TO APPLY

MUNICIPALITIES AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS



New Jersey municipalities and public school districts interested in applying must be registered or certified with the Sustainable Jersey or Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification program.

ONLINE APPLICATION

<http://bit.ly/2020RfRSJApp>

QUESTIONS ABOUT ONLINE APPLICATION

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<http://bit.ly/SJRfRProgram>

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, CONSERVATION GROUPS, AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES



Non-profit organizations interested in applying will need to provide a scanned copy of the IRS determination letter that confirms 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status.

ONLINE APPLICATION

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QUESTIONS ABOUT ONLINE APPLICATION

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GENERAL INFORMATION APPLICATION DUE BY

Friday, December 13, 2019

RECIPIENT NOTIFICATION DATE

Late January 2020

AVAILABLE FUNDING AMOUNTS

Grants Between \$1,000-\$20,000

INFORMATIONAL WEBINAR

<http://bit.ly/2020RfRWebinar>

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROGRAM OR PROJECT SITE SELECTION?

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USE OF FUNDING



GRANT FUNDS CAN BE SPENT ON...

- Native woody plants (trees and shrubs) that only include:
 - Bare root stock
 - Tublings
 - 1-gallon, and/or 2-gallon containers



1 Gallon Pot

2 Gallon Pot

- Grow tubes with a fiberglass or PVC support stake



- Up to two delivery fees associated with transportation of the plants or protection materials



GRANT FUNDS CANNOT BE SPENT ON...

Anything other than the native woody plants, tree tubes, support stakes, and up to two delivery fees needed for the project. Examples include:

- Non-native or ornamental plants
- Supplies such as gloves, shovels, etc.
- Equipment such as mower, auger, etc.
- Labor/contractor costs
- Invasive species removal
- Alternative plant protection materials such as fencing

Expenses that are ineligible for grant funds are the financial responsibility of the applicant and cannot be charged to the grant. Consider in-kind donations and volunteers to help cover some of the other costs.

Additional use of funding guidelines, purchasing requirements, and a sample budget template are available in the application information packet.

HOW TO DETERMINE IF A PROJECT SITE IS ELIGIBLE

The image shows two screenshots from the NJ Maps website. The left screenshot shows the 'Conservation Blueprint' tool interface with various layers checked, including 'Ecological Floodplain Areas'. The right screenshot shows the 'Parcel Explorer' tool for parcel 1330_172_32, displaying tax records and mean blueprint priority values.

Agricultural:	0.5
Community Green Space:	7.9
Ecological:	16.7
Water:	4.3

Retrieved	2019-10-13
Publication Date	2016-07-20
Municipality	Marlboro Twp
Location	515 Texas Road
Owned by	Twp Of Marlboro
Address	1979 Township Drive, Marlboro, NJ 07746
Tax Classification	Public Property
Land Value	\$551,100.00
Improvements Value	\$0.00
Total Value	\$551,100.00
Taxes	no data
Last Sale Price	\$325,000.00
Building Description	no data
No. of Units	no data
Building Class	no data
Year Built	2000
Land Description	132.52 AC
Additional Lots	None

Use **NJ Maps Conservation Blueprint** tool to identify an eligible project site. Project sites must fall within the **Ecological Floodplain Areas**. Check the box to toggle this green reference layer on.

The land must be owned by either a municipality, school district, non-profit organization, or other county/state government entity. Project sites on private land are **NOT** eligible. Identify the landowner of your site after locating it using the Conservation Blueprint tool. Next, click on the **“Show in Parcel Explorer”** button. The Tax Records tab reveals who owns the land.

The webinar and application information packet include more information on how to use NJ Maps to select a project site, develop a project plan, and decide on a planting layout.

Another resource are the **Watershed Ambassadors** who can assist applicants with their proposals, identifying site information, and tree planting. TNC has met with this year's Ambassadors to educate them on the Roots for Rivers Reforestation Program and ways they can help applicants. Learn more about the Watershed Ambassador program and find out who is currently serving your community by going to:

<http://www.nj.gov/dep/wms/bears/amicorps.htm>