**UPPER SUSQUEHANNA COALITION**

**Water Quality Program**

Please send applications to:

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**Applications are accepted on a continuous basis**

The USC Water Quality Program is funded through several funding sources, and seeks to offer financial compensation and resource assistance (planning, design and plant material) to increase the implementation and restoration of riparian forest buffers, wetlands, stream corridor rehabilitation, and associated water quality BMPs through conventional, as well as new programs. All stream and grazing projects will require the implementation of a riparian buffer OR wetland restoration to be eligible for USC Water Quality Program Funding. Upland Tree Planting does not require implementation of a riparian buffer or wetland. Applications will be ranked and funded according to the ranking criteria below.

A USC staff site visit is required prior to award confirmation.

Project examples:

* Funding for BMPs associated with grazing management, such as stream crossings, fence, and alternative watering;
* Stream bank and/or channel stabilization that incorporates natural stabilization techniques;
* Funding for transactional costs associated with conservation easements;
* Match or cost share for projects funded through other programs;
* Funding for riparian restoration including seed, plants and planting materials (tubes, herbicide spray, stakes, etc.) as well as for site preparation (mowing, auguring holes, invasive removal, etc.); and
* In stream habitat improvement.
* Upland Reforestation

Program Contact:

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**Who is eligible to apply?**

Upper Susquehanna Coalition member Soil and Water Conservation Districts and partners are eligible to apply on behalf of a landowner. Projects are only eligible for funding if they are within the boundaries of the Upper Susquehanna River Watershed. Projects that have local SWCD technical assistance will receive higher priority.

# Applicant Information

**Application Submission Date:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Primary contact:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Applicant organization name:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Contact person:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Phone number:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Email address:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Mailing Address:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Supporting Soil and Water Conservation District name (if different than applicant):**

 Click or tap here to enter text.

**Contact person:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Phone number:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Email address:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Mailing Address:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Is SWCD providing technical and implementation support?** [ ] YES [ ] NO

 **If not, who is?**

**Other Partner Organization name:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Contact person:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Phone number:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Email address:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Mailing Address:** Click or tap here to enter text.

# Overall Project Information

**Expected Project Completion Date:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Project Name:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Landowner Name (where applicable):** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Producer Name (if different than the landowner):** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Watershed Name & 12-digit HUC (attach topographic map):** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Lat/Long (**<http://itouchmap.com/latlong.html>):

*Latitude:* Click or tap here to enter text. *Longitude:* Click or tap here to enter text.

Please submit Lat/Lon in decimal degrees (42.141877, -76.268377) format.

## Project and Partner Descriptions

**Description and goal of the project**: Click or tap here to enter text.

**Current Landuse Type:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Describe the role of each partner in the project (be sure to include volunteers, if applicable)**:

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Partner Name:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Role:** Click or tap here to enter text.

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**Role:** Click or tap here to enter text.

[ ]  **Please attach an aerial photo and other “before” photos that adequately depict the project components.**

[ ]  **Please attach a budget or cost estimate indicating each component and/or practice and associated funder**.

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| **Total Project costs:** Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Amount of funding requested from USC:** Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Match amount and source:** Click or tap here to enter text. |
| *(Please check appropriate boxes and write the number of points in the space provided.)* |
| **Local cost share availability** |
| ***Note: This project requires a 10% match that can be “in-kind.” Match requirements may be waived for Upland Tree Planting practices on a case by case basis. Please check with USC for availability of other funding sources if local match is not available.*** |
| 50 to 75%: 10pts | 26 to 49%: 5pts  | 10 to 25%: 3pts | **Cost Share Points** Click or tap here to enter points. |
| **Will project be fully implemented within 12 months?** | [ ] Yes: 5pts | **Implementation Points** Click or tap here to enter points. |
| **Are landowner easements/contract approvals secured?** | [ ] Yes: 5pts | **Landowner Points** Click or tap here to enter points. |
| **Are federal and state permits:** |
| [ ]  Secured and in-hand: 6 pts  | [ ]  No permit required: 6 pts  | [ ]  Or, permits applied for: 3 pts  | **Permit Points** Click or tap here to enter points. |
| **Total Points** | **TOTAL Points** Click or tap here to enter points. |

# What you are requesting funding for?

[ ]  **Easement or Purchase transactional costs**

[ ]  **Practice Implementation**

## Easement or Purchase Description

**Are funds requested for the easement of purchase of land?** [ ] YES [ ]  NO

**Length of easement:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Who is responsible for stewarding the land and practices?** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Total acres purchased or with easement?** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Will the entire restored riparian area have a specific designation, distinguishing it as a sensitive or special use area?** [ ] YES [ ]  NO

**Please describe:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Other than the riparian area, are other unique or sensitive areas present on site that present opportunity for water quality and habitat improvement?**  [ ] YES [ ]  NO

**If yes, describe:** Click or tap here to enter text.

## Practice Implementation Deliverables

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| **Practice Implementation** | **Quantity and/or Type** |
| [ ]  Riparian Forest Buffer | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| [ ]  Riparian Grass Buffer | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| [ ]  Berm Removal | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| [ ]  Wetland Practice | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| [ ]  Stream Bank Stabilization | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| [ ]  Stream Channel Stabilization | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| [ ]  In Stream Habitat | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| [ ]  Livestock Exclusion | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| [ ]  Alternative Water | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| [ ]  Prescribed Grazing | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| [ ]  Stream Crossing | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| [ ]  Ag Land Retirement | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| [ ]  Upland Reforestation | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| [ ]  Number of Trees Planted | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| [ ]  Animals Numbers and Animal Type | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| [ ]  Other Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. |

# Habitat considerations

**Describe any habitat enhancement that will result from this project, targeted species identified in the vicinity, habitat connectivity, or broader watershed initiatives that will benefit from this project. (10 points)**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**SWCD District Manager Signature**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**SWCD project contact person name and signature (if different than DM):** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Partnering Organization Name and Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Partnering Organization Name and Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_