

Grant Application Information

Application Submission Deadline – One hard copy and one electronic copy in PDF format of the completed application and all associated documentation are due at the DES Wetlands Bureau office (address below) **no later than 4 p.m. on September 30, 2010**. Please note, DES cannot accept documents larger than 10 MB. The application form with instructions is available at www.des.nh.gov; from there, click on the “A to Z LIST” and select “Wetlands Bureau.” Look for “Mitigation” under Related Programs on the Wetlands Bureau index page.

Eligible Applicants – Any New Hampshire community wholly or partially located within the Salmon Falls to Piscataqua River watershed, county governments, Regional Planning Commissions, County Conservation Districts, watershed/river associations, state agencies, departments within the University of New Hampshire and other institutions of higher education, community public school districts, and nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply.

Eligible Uses of ARM Funds – Grants are offered for activities that restore or protect aquatic resources, including but not limited to the following:

- 1) Development of final wetland restoration, enhancement, or creation plans.
- 2) Construction costs for wetland restoration, enhancement, or creation such as site clearing and excavation, construction management, consulting fees, permit costs, wetland grading and soil augmentation, disposal costs of excavated materials, planting, and monitoring and maintenance of wetland restoration or creation sites to reduce risk of failure.
- 3) Acquisition of land or conservation easements that help protect high conservation value wetlands in perpetuity and associated costs including property surveys, appraisals, legal costs, closing costs, and subdivision fees.
- 4) Acquisition of conservation interests after a qualified grantee has been identified.
- 5) Stewardship of a conservation interest.
- 6) Other aquatic resource improvement or protection projects, such as water quality improvement projects, tidal wetland restoration projects, dam removal projects, stream or river restoration projects, or activities that provide habitat improvement including culvert replacement or removal.

This list is not exhaustive so check the evaluation criteria contained in the application packet to see if your project is eligible. Reviewers will favor proposals that clearly demonstrate how the project's wetland protection, restoration, enhancement, or creation will be sustainable over the long-term. The criteria used to evaluate and rank the applications can also be found in the DES rules at Env-WT 807.17 and 807.18, <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/legal/rules/index.htm> .

Geographic Requirement – Projects must take place within the boundaries of the Salmon Falls to Piscataqua River Hydrologic Unit Code 8 (HUC 8) watershed (see map at http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wetlands/wmp/documents/huc8_map.pdf).

Matching Requirements – ARM program funds could cover complete or partial funding for all project costs. The state funds do not need to be matched by other sources but an application may score additional points if a match is secured. Match sources can include donated funds, donated municipal staff time, volunteer time, and donated materials. The match must be secure in order to score additional points through the evaluation criteria.

Submit one hard copy and one electronic copy in PDF format to:

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