

North Quabbin Regional Landscape Partnership

Working together to identify, protect and enhance strategic ecological, cultural and historic open space within the rural landscape of the greater North Quabbin region.

Project Application

For Partnership Endorsement and the Partnership Small Grants Program

The Partnership's Project Application provides land protection proponents a standardized format to help the Partnership evaluate and prioritize projects. Endorsement by the Partnership helps focus financial, political and scientific resources of the Partnership members, increasing the likelihood of successful land protection.

This form is also used to determine eligibility for the **Partnership Small Grants Program** for land transaction fees. For more details on the Small Grants Program, visit www.nqpartnership.org.

Instructions for applicant:

Step 1: Complete Project Parcel Data Sheet(s).

Complete one sheet per parcel involved in the project by answering all questions to the best of your ability. The Project Parcel Data Sheet is located on page 2 of this application.

Step 2: Respond to the Project Criteria Evaluation Form questions.

Respond to each question listed. These questions pertain to the entire project. This form is on pages 3-4 of this application.

Step 3: Provide Maps.

At least three maps should be included in the packet. If you need assistance designing the maps, contact the Partnership.

- 1) **Topographical Map:** all of the parcels in the project should be clearly identified and visible on a USGS quadrangle background. Use the legend at the bottom of the map as a guide and add appropriate markings for parcel boundaries. Highlight permanently conserved land as well as land enrolled in the Chapter 61 program.
- 2) **Assessor's Map:** showing the parcel(s) in the project and parcels adjacent to the project.
- 3) **North Quabbin Region Map:** use the map provided on the last page of this application to show the location of the project.

Step 4: Additional Information.

Include any attachments which you feel will better describe the unique nature of your project and which may be used to further document how the project fulfills the evaluation criteria (e.g., copy of parcel survey).

Step 5: Send in Application

Mail or email the completed packet to:

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Athol, MA 01331
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For applications to the **Partnership Small Grants Program**, the deadline for 2008 is Friday May 30th. Applications must be received by 5 p.m.

QUESTIONS: Please call Jay Rasku, Project Coordinator, at 978-248-2118 for more information.

**North Quabbin Regional Landscape Partnership
Project/Parcel Data Sheet**

Please duplicate this form if more than one parcel is part of the land protection project. Feel free to provide additional information on another sheet.

Project name:

Project proponent:

Contact information:

(Address, telephone #, email):

Street location and town of parcel:

Number of acres:

Assessor's tax map/block number:

Assessor's tax lot number:

Deed book number:

Deed page number:

Parcel owner's name:

Parcel owner contact information:

(Address, telephone #, email):

Parcel classification type (if any)? (e.g., Chapter 61, etc.):

Parcel appraisal? Yes / No

Appraisal date:

Appraisal amount:

Purpose of appraisal:

Available surveys? Yes / No (if Yes, attach copy of survey)

Landowner cooperation/interest level (High, Medium, Low):

Landowner conservation options:

Owner's preference type:

Proponent's preference type:

Current public access allowed (walking, hunting, no trespassing allowed, etc.)

Parcel highlights (ecological, historical, etc.):

Project Criteria Evaluation Form

Criteria:	Partnership Evaluation: <i>For use by the Partnership Executive Committee:</i>
Please provide the information requested for each section. Your answers are not bound by the size of each cell. You may use another format to complete the questions.	
Connectivity:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of parcels and a description of the parcels in the project: 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total proposed protected area in acres: 	Points Available: >250 acres = 12 pts 250 - 201 = 10 200 - 151 = 8 150 - 101 = 6 100 - 50 = 4 49 - 1 = 2 Score:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linkage to other protected land. Please describe: 	Points Available: Abuts 2 or more previously protected parcels = 10 Abuts 1 previously protected parcel = 5 Near previously protected parcel = 1 Score:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number and type of roads crossing the parcel(s) (dirt road, secondary road, primary road, 1 lane highway, 2 lane highway): 	Points Available: No roads = 5 Minor roads = 2 Major roadways = 0 Score:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number and type of roads bordering the parcel(s): 	Points Available: No roads = 5 Minor roads = 2 Major roadways = 0 Score:
Feasibility of Implementation:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level of threat to the parcel(s)/ landscape: 	
FEASIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTATION continued	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizations supporting the project: (multiple town boards from the same municipality count as “one organization”). You must have at least three organizations 	Points Available: 4 points per organization Score:

<p style="text-align: center;">Criteria:</p> <p>Please provide the information requested for each section. Your answers are not bound by the size of each cell. You may use another format to complete the questions.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Partnership Evaluation: <i>For use by the Partnership Executive Committee:</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the feasibility of implementation, and available resources. 	<p>Points Available: 10</p> <p>Score:</p>
<p>Community Support for Project:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the community's support for the project. How has community support been demonstrated? 	<p>Points Available: 5</p> <p>Score:</p>
<p>Ecological Significance:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe significant habitats, ecosystems, water resources, uncommon natural communities, critical soils, unique geology and landforms. Describe endangered species, vernal pools, Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Priority areas (NHESP) and amount of BioMap habitat and Living Waters habitat found in the project. 	<p>Points Available: 20</p> <p>Score:</p>
<p>Cultural Significance: Use descriptions and qualitative measures of significance (e.g., High, Medium, Low) to respond to the following:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local importance: 	<p>Points Available: 5</p> <p>Score:</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historic value: 	<p>Points Available: 5</p> <p>Score:</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scenic value: 	<p>Points Available: 5</p> <p>Score:</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working land value (forestry, farming, etc.): 	<p>Points Available: 5</p> <p>Score:</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drinking water aquifer protection value: 	<p>Points Available: 5</p> <p>Score:</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Passive recreational use or potential (trails, etc.): 	<p>Points Available: 5</p> <p>Score:</p>
<p>Other Considerations</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are any partners involved in the project involved in land conservation for the first time? 	<p>Points Available: 3 points for each partner new to land conservation</p>
<p>Point total:</p> <p>Total Points Available: 109 <i>(Point total can be higher with additional partner involvement and partners new to conservation)</i></p>	

List of maps attached:

List of other attachments:

Please mark on the map below the general location of the land protection project:

