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TO: Katie Scott, Chair
Board of Commissioners

THROUGH: Derrick Jackson
Interim County Administrator

FROM: Catie Wytychak
Water Quality Specialist

DATE: Wednesday, November 4, 2026

SUBJECT: Grant Application to National Fish and Wildlife Foundation – Southeast Michigan Resilience Fund 2026

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:
It is requested that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners ratify the submittal of a grant application for $380,000.00 through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation – Southeast Michigan Resilience Fund 2026. The grant application would fund construction of green stormwater infrastructure at Ford Heritage Park in Ypsilanti for the period of April 1, 2027, to March 30, 2029.

BACKGROUND:
Ypsilanti Township has prioritized this location for green stormwater infrastructure to reduce flooding on soccer fields, beautify the park and add walking paths. Green stormwater infrastructure is prioritized in the Ypsilanti Township Parks and Recreation Plan. The Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner's Office has also prioritized this location for green stormwater infrastructure. It meets our strategic siting criteria for rain gardens: low spaces, large amounts of stormwater captured and infiltration in place. The two rain gardens will also solve two problems: flooding on the soccer fields and erosion and sediment build up near the parking lot. In partnership with Ypsilanti Township, this project will reduce the volume of stormwater runoff and improve water quality in our surface waters.

DISCUSSION:
Two rain gardens, 50 trees and one wildflower prairie will be built within Ford Heritage Park. A total of 3 million gallons of stormwater will be captured annually, and 20,600 square feet of area will be converted from turf grass to native plantings within the proposed rain gardens and prairie.

OPPORTUNITY INDEX:
Ford Heritage Park is in a census track that was categorized as “Low Access to Opportunity” according to the Washtenaw County Community and Economic Development office. By solving a known flooding issue in the soccer fields, there will be fewer cancellations of games, which will improve the access to recreation opportunities for those served by Ypsi Parks and Rec. By adding one mile of walking paths around the green infrastructure, the existing 9.5-mile Ford Loop Trail that connects Ford Heritage Park will be further enhanced.

IMPACT ON HUMAN RESOURCES:
None

IMPACT ON BUDGET:
None. $20,000 of in-kind match for staff labor is included in this application. This amount of grant coordination by staff is already part of existing workplans so no additional funds are being requested. Ypsilanti Township has committed to $20,000 matching funds if the grant is awarded.

IMPACT ON FACILITIES:
None

IMPACT ON TECHNOLOGY
None

IMPACT ON EQUITY:
Neighbors and park users at Ford Heritage Park will benefit from this request as the intended outcome will be to reduce park flooding. Ford Heritage Park and the surrounding neighborhood are in a census track that was categorized as “Low Access to Opportunity” according to the Washtenaw County Community and Economic Development office. By improving stormwater management in this park, the proposed project would level the playing field by improving recreational opportunities.

IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS
None

IMPACT ON OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR OUTSIDE AGENCIES:
Ypsilanti Township will benefit from this park improvement project. Ypsilanti Township has committed to $20,000 matching funds if the grant is awarded.

CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES:
The requested action is in conformity with all applicable County policies.

ATTACHMENTS:
- Resolution
- Grant Application

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND TO SIGN AND ACCEPT THE NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION – SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN RESILIENCE FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS ($380,000.00) FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2027, THROUGH MARCH 31, 2029.

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 4, 2026

Prepared By: Gretchen Driskell, Water Resources Commissioner

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Water Resource Commissioner's Office has submitted a grant for $380,000.00 through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation – Southeast Michigan Resilience Fund 2026.

WHEREAS, capturing funding for drainage improvements can be challenging but green infrastructure investment, such as rain garden construction, is eligible under this grant.

WHEREAS, this programming aligns with the priorities of the Board of Commissioners, and will provide services which help to reduce the environmental impact of Washtenaw County residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the matter has been reviewed by Corporation Counsel, the Finance Department, Human Resources, the Racial Equity Office and the County Administrator's Office.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners takes the following actions:

1. Ratify the submission of a grant application to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation – Southeast Michigan Resilience Fund 2026 for Three Hundred and Eighty Thousand Dollars ($380,000.00) dollars by Gretchen Driskell, Water Resources Commissioner.
2. Authorize the County Administrator to accept the grant award.
3. Authorize the County Administrator to sign and delegate contracts upon review of Corporation Counsel.
4. Amend the budget as attached hereto and made a part of.

Office of the Water Resources Commissioner
Fund #
Business Unit
April 1, 2027 – March 31, 2029
Project Number: 1879272061

Revenues		Original Budget
	Federal Revenue	$200,000.00
	Private Agency Revenue	$180,000.00
	Local Revenue	$20,000.00
	In Kind Revenue	$20,000.00
Total Revenue		$420,000.00

Expenditures		Original Budget
	Personnel Services	
	Materials & Supplies	
	Travel & Mileage	
	Contractual Services	$400,000.00
	In Kind Expense	$20,000
Total Expenditures		$420,000.00

Grant Information

Title of Project
Ford Heritage Park Green Stormwater Infrastructure

Total Amount Requested	$ 380,000.00
Matching Contributions Proposed	$40,000.00
Proposed Grant Period	04/01/ 2027 - 03/31/ 2029

Project Description
Two rain gardens, 50 trees and one wildflower prairie will be built within Ford Heritage Park to reduce flooding on soccer fields and improve downstream water quality.

A total of 3 million gallons of stormwater will be captured annually, and 20,600 square feet of area will be converted from turf grass to native plantings within the proposed rain gardens and prairie.

Project Abstract
Green stormwater infrastructure will be built at Ford Heritage Park in partnership with Ypsilanti Township to reduce flooding, improve water quality and enhance the recreational benefits of the park. This neighborhood park is a recreational center of the neighborhood. There are soccer and baseball fields, natural areas, a playground and the park is part of the 9.5 mile Ford Heritage Loop trail. Flooding currently causes frequent cancellations of soccer games.

Two rain gardens, 50 trees and one wildflower prairie will be built within Ford Heritage Park. A total of 3 million gallons of stormwater will be captured annually, and 20,600 square feet of area will be converted from turf grass to native plantings within the proposed rain gardens and prairie.

Two pathways will be constructed to enhance the park, add to the 9.5 miles Ford Lake Loop Trail and define the edges of one rain garden and one prairie.

Organization and Primary Contact Information

Organization	Washtenaw County
Organization Type	State or Local Government
City, State, Country	Ann Arbor,Michigan,North America - United States
Region (if international)	
Primary Contact	Catie Wytychak
Position/Title	
Phone and E-mail	x ; wytychakc@washtenaw.org

Additional Contacts

Role	Name

Project Location Information

Project Location Description	Ford Heritage Park is a 104 acre park south of Ford Lake in Ypsilanti Township. The park is located within a residential neighborhood and provides access to natural areas and recreation services to a census tract that is considered low access to opportunity according to the County Opportunity Index.
Project Country(ies)	North America - United States
Project State(s)	Michigan
Project Congressional District(s)	District 12 (MI)

Permits and Approvals

Permits/Approvals Description:

Permits/Approvals Status:

Permits/Approvals Agency-Contact Person:

Permits/Approvals Submittal-Approval Date:

Activities and Outcomes

Funding Strategy: Habitat Management
Metric: SE MI - Nature-based Infrastructure - # trees planted
Required: Recommended
Description: Enter # of trees planted. In the NOTES, 1) include the size (diameter) and species of trees planted and 2) specify landcover type prior to planting (barren, cropland, grass, shrub), # of acres, forest type planted (broadleaf, conifer, redwood, swamp--either broadleaf or conifer, shrub), density per acre, and mortality rate.

Starting Value	0.00 # trees planted
Target value	50.00 # trees planted

Note: 50 trees will be planted along sidewalks and roads. Some will be planted in turf grass and some will be planted within the rain gardens. All trees will be about 2 inches in diameter and will be caged to protect them from deer and mowers.

Funding Strategy: Habitat Management
Metric: SE MI - Nature-based Infrastructure - miles trails developed/improved
Required: Recommended
Description: Enter the number of miles of trails or river walks developed or improved

Starting Value	0.00 miles trails developed/improved
Target value	1.00 miles trails developed/improved

Note: two pathways will be constructed, one around the wildflower prairie and one alongside the southern rain garden. These walking paths will ideally be paved for accessibility and maintenance.

Funding Strategy: Habitat Management
Metric: SE MI - Nature-based Infrastructure - sq ft of nature-based infrastructure
Required: Recommended
Description: Enter the square footage of nature-based infrastructure installed. Include details on plant species selected, seed mixes, etc.

Starting Value	0.00 sq ft of nature-based infrastructure
Target value	20600.00 sq ft of nature-based infrastructure

Note: Between the two rain gardens and the wildflower prairie, 20,600 square feet of nature based infrastructure will be built. The two rain gardens will total 18,000 square feet.

Funding Strategy: Habitat Management
Metric: SE MI - Nature-based Infrastructure - Volume stormwater storage added
Required: Recommended
Description: Enter the gallons of stormwater storage added annually. In the NOTES section, include the design retention capacity of the nature-based infrastructure installed or maintained and indicate the method or model used to estimate annual stormwater storage added.

Starting Value	0.00 Volume stormwater storage added
Target value	3000000.00 Volume stormwater storage added

Note: A total of 3 million gallons of stormwater will be captured annually by the 18,000 square feet of rain gardens and 50 trees. Calculations were made using iTree and the EPA's National Stormwater Calculator Report. Runoff area and coefficients were calculated for the parking lot (81,388 SF and runoff coefficient of 95%) and the soccer fields (372,262 SF and runoff coefficient of 15%)

I. PERSONNEL	$0.00

Staff Name	Position	Annual Salary	Project Hours	Hourly Rate	LOE (%)	Project Salary	% Fringe	$ Fringe	Total Personnel
Totals						**$0.00**		**$0.00**	**$0.00**

II. TRAVEL	$0.00

Domestic Airfare – Per Flight

Purpose/Destination	Unit Cost	Quantity	Total Cost
SubTotal			**$0.00**

International Airfare – Per Flight

Purpose/Destination	Unit Cost	Quantity	Total Cost
SubTotal			**$0.00**

Train – Per Ticket

Purpose/Destination	Unit Cost	Quantity	Total Cost
SubTotal			**$0.00**

Rental Car – Per Day

Purpose/Destination	Days/Duration	Unit Cost	Quantity	Total Cost

SubTotal **$0.00**

Taxis – Per Trip

Purpose/Destination	Unit Cost	Quantity	Total Cost

SubTotal **$0.00**

Mileage – Per Mile

Purpose/Destination	Unit Cost	Quantity	Total Cost

SubTotal **$0.00**

Gasoline – Per Gallon

Purpose/Destination	Unit Cost	Quantity	Total Cost

SubTotal **$0.00**

Per Diem (M&IE) – Per Day

Purpose/Destination	Days/Duration	Unit Cost	Quantity	Total Cost

SubTotal **$0.00**

Lodging – Per Night

Purpose/Destination	Days/Duration	Unit Cost	Quantity	Total Cost

SubTotal **$0.00**

Meals (no M&IE) – Per Meal

Purpose/Destination	Days/Duration	Unit Cost	Quantity	Total Cost

SubTotal **$0.00**

III. EQUIPMENT **$0.00**

Item Name	Description	Unit Cost	Quantity	Total Cost

IV. MATERIALS & SUPPLIES **$0.00**

Type	Purpose	Unit of Measure	Unit Cost	Quantity	Total Cost

V. CONTRACTUAL SERVICES **$380,000.00**

Subcontract/Contract – Per Agreement

Contractor Name	Description	Total Cost
Michigan Hardscapes	Excavator, hardscapes and landscaping company	$320,000.00
InSite Design Studio Inc	landscape architectural services	$25,000.00
PlantWise, LLC	native plant and ecological restoration company	$35,000.00

SubTotal **$380,000.00**

Subgrant – Per Agreement

Subrecipient	Description	Total Cost

SubTotal **$0.00**

VI. OTHER DIRECT COSTS **$0.00**

Type	Purpose	Unit of Measure	Unit Cost	Quantity	Total Cost

VII. TOTAL DIRECT COSTS **$380,000.00**

VIII. INDIRECT COSTS **$0.00**

Explanation of Modified Total Direct Cost Base(MTDC)	Rate Type	NICRA Expiration	$MTDC	Rate(%)	Total Cost

IX. TOTAL PROJECT COSTS **$380,000.00**

Budget Narrative

Budget Narrative:

1. Personnel

Personnel -

2. Travel

Domestic Airfare - Per Flight -
International Airfare - Per Flight -
Train - Per Ticket -
Rental Car - Per Day -
Taxis - Per Trip -
Mileage - Per Mile -
Gasoline - Per Gallon -
Per Diem (M&IE) - Per Day -
Lodging - Per Night -
Meals (No M&IE) - Per Meal -

3. Equipment

Equipment -

4. Materials and Supplies

Materials and Supplies -

5. Contractual Services

Subcontract/Contract - Per Agreement -	Work would be contracted to InSite, or another similar firm, for landscape architecture design services and some construction oversight. Excavation, pathway and planting work would be bid out and the lowest responsible bidder would be awarded the project to build the two rain gardens. The tree planting and prairie project would be bid out separately to a native plant landscaping company. All staff time to coordinate work would be done in house and funds would be provided to support that time by Washtenaw County.
Subgrant - Per Agreement -	

6. Other Direct Costs

Other Direct Costs -

7. Indirect Costs

Indirect Costs -

Matching Contributions

Matching Contribution Amount:	$20,000.00
Type:	Cash
Status:	Pledged
Source:	Ypsilanti Township
Source Type:	Non-Federal
Description:	Ypsilanti Township will contribute $20,000 towards this project with the goal of solving an ongoing park flooding issue and improving water quality.

Matching Contribution Amount:	$20,000.00
Type:	In-kind
Status:	Pledged
Source:	Washtenaw County
Source Type:	Non-Federal
Description:	Washtenaw County Water Resources staff time to coordinate project through design, public engagement, construction, budgeting and reporting.

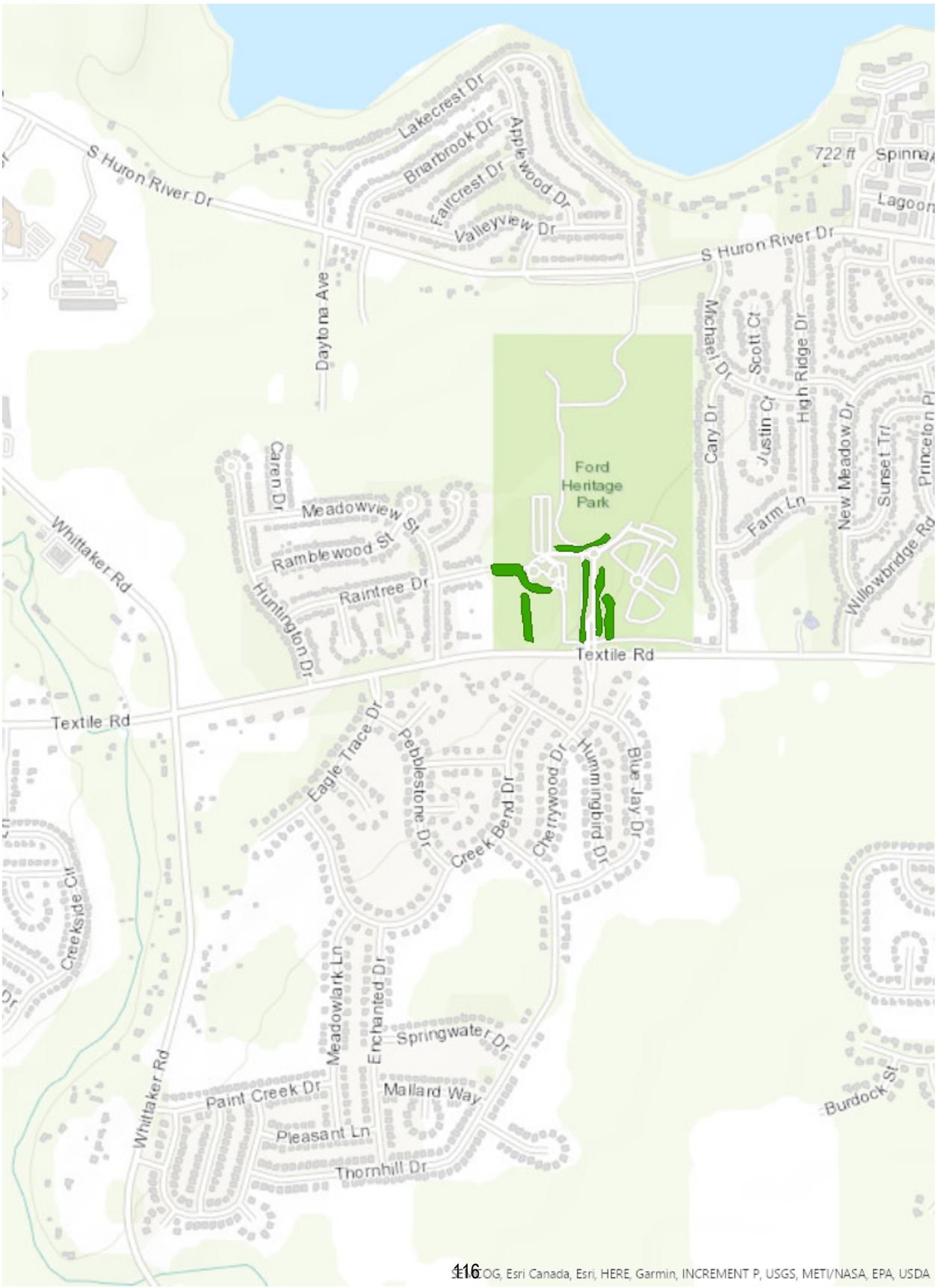
Total Amount of Matching Contributions:	$40,000.00

EasyGrantsID: 93558

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation – Southeast Michigan Resilience Fund 2027, Full Proposal

Title: Ford Heritage Park Green Stormwater Infrastructure

Organization: Washtenaw County



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Project Map	Map and Draft Concept Ford Heritage Park Washtenaw County.pdf	Wytychak, Catie	10/13/2026
Letters of Support	Ford Heritage LOS YTown.pdf	Wytychak, Catie	10/13/2026
Photos - Jpeg	Northern Rain Garden 2.jpg	Wytychak, Catie	10/13/2026
Photos - Jpeg	Southern Rain Garden.jpg	Wytychak, Catie	10/13/2026
Photos - Jpeg	Tree planting.jpg	Wytychak, Catie	10/13/2026
Statement of Litigation	Statement of Litigation Washtenaw County.pdf	Wytychak, Catie	10/13/2026
Board of Trustees, Directors, or equivalent	Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners.pdf	Wytychak, Catie	10/09/2026
Applicant Controls Questionnaire	Applicant Controls and Capabilities Questionnaire Washtenaw County.pdf	Wytychak, Catie	10/13/2026

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Southeast Michigan Resilience Fund 2026-2027 - Full Proposal Project Narrative Full Proposal Project Narrative

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1. **Funding Category:** List the Funding Category that best describes the proposed project (see RFP).

   Expanding Nature-Based Solutions and Access to Nature

2. **Context:** Briefly describe the project context in terms of current conditions, connection to current or previous on-the-ground work, existing challenges, and active partnerships or grants that connect to the proposed scope of work.

   Ford Heritage Park is an active 104-acre public park located at 8399 Textile Rd in Ypsilanti Township, south of Ford Lake. The park is home to a playground, baseball fields, soccer fields, two parking lots and 64 acres of natural area. Pathways connect the park to the Ford Heritage Lake Loop Trail, a 9.5 mile paved path around Ford Lake. Surrounded by residential neighborhoods, this park is a gathering space for outdoor enjoyment and athletic recreation.

   Currently a 1.8-acre parking lot drains to a grassy swale. There is erosion along the swale and sediment building up in the parking lot. South and west of the parking lot, 8.5 acres of mowed turf grass is used for soccer fields. The soccer fields often have water pooling on them after rain events and soccer practice frequently must be cancelled.

   Ford Heritage Park is in a census track that was categorized as “Low Access to Opportunity” according to the Washtenaw County Community and Economic Development office. Opportunities include community engagement, economic well-being, education, health and job access.

   Park green infrastructure is prioritized in the Ypsilanti Township Parks and Recreation Plan. Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner’s Office has also prioritized this location for green stormwater infrastructure. It meets our strategic siting criteria for rain gardens: low spaces, large amounts of stormwater captured and infiltration in place. The two rain gardens will also solve two problems: flooding on the soccer fields and erosion and sediment build up near the parking lot. In partnership with Ypsilanti Township, this project will reduce the volume of stormwater runoff and improve water quality in our surface waters.

3. **Activities and Outcomes:** Detail the project activities proposed and the timeline for project implementation. Discuss how these activities will generate direct, measurable

benefits to the priority waterways. Share anticipated outcomes in terms of metrics (e.g., acres restored, gallons stormwater storage added, etc.) relevant to the project activities.

Two rain gardens, 50 trees and one wildflower prairie will be built within Ford Heritage Park. A total of 3 million gallons of stormwater will be captured annually, and 20,600 square feet of area will be converted from turf grass to native plantings within the proposed rain gardens and prairie.

NORTHERN RAIN GARDEN- The northern rain garden will capture runoff from 81,388 square feet of parking lot. According to the EPA's National Stormwater Calculator Report, the site receives 36.12 inches of rainfall annually. Using a runoff coefficient of .95 for the parking lot, the northern rain garden will capture 1.7 million gallons of stormwater annually.

This rain garden will also capture stormwater pollution from the parking lot. Evidence of sediment accumulation is apparent at the lowest point in the lot. By building a sediment trap, this pollution will be captured and disposed of properly.

Water quality continues to be our main concern as we build green infrastructure. Our goal is to reduce the amount of phosphorous, heavy metals and other pollutants of concern before they reach Lake Erie. Through a study of our own public green infrastructure, we have found that on average we remove 14 cubic feet of sediment per year at similar sized green infrastructure sites. We have found that the sediment contains high concentrations of phosphorous, nitrogen, petroleum hydrocarbons and heavy metals like chromium, copper, lead and zinc. The two pollutants with the highest concentrations found in sediment on average are total phosphorous at 632,857 ug/Kg ppb and petroleum hydrocarbons at 230,889 ug/Kg ppb, both well above their threshold levels. By working in the higher reaches of the Stony Creek Watershed, this project will intercept pollution before it enters surface waters.

SOUTHERN RAIN GARDEN- The southern rain garden will capture runoff from 372,262 square feet of soccer fields. Using the same calculation as above but a runoff coefficient of 0.15, the southern rain garden will capture 1.26 million gallons of stormwater annually.

This rain garden will capture stormwater from the adjacent soccer fields and soak it into the ground. Currently the stormwater is causing flooding issues on the fields. A pathway will be built on the eastern side of the rain garden to close a walking loop around the southern part of the park and define the rain garden edge.

The northern rain garden will be about 6,000 square feet and the southern rain garden will be 12,000 square feet, totaling 18,000 square feet and together capturing 2.96 million gallons of stormwater annually.

TREES- 50 trees will be planted along pathways and the entrance drive. Native trees that are suited for the site and about 2 inches in diameter will be planted. All trees

will be caged and protected from mowers and animal browsing. According to iTree, these trees will capture 7,400 gallons of stormwater annually.

WILDFLOWER PRAIRIE- A 2,600 square foot wildflower prairie will be built between the park entrance road and the baseball fields. This will create habitat, beautify the space and reduce the amount of area that needs to be mowed. A pathway will be built to surround the prairie, bringing walkers off Textile Road into the park and then back in a loop. The path will also define the edges of the prairie, which will lessen mowing issues.

TIMELINE- A design and public input period will begin in the spring of 2027, if this grant is awarded. All stakeholders will be included, and a final design will incorporate feedback from stakeholders and residents. A public information meeting will be held when the design is in an early phase so that adjustments can be made.

Construction will begin once approval is granted to begin on the groundwork and we have gone through the bid process, likely in the late summer of 2027. If approval is delayed, grading will begin in the spring of 2028. Planting will occur in the fall to avoid the need for water during the establishment period.

4. **Tracking Metrics, Monitoring and Maintenance:** Indicate how the project will monitor/assess progress toward the metrics and outcomes identified in the application. Detail existing long-term operation and maintenance plan(s) or indicate how a future plan (developed during the grant period) will ensure project benefits are sustained through time. Plans should span at least 5 years, anticipated useful life of project elements, resources required to sustain the project, municipal engagement, and maintenance activities.

   The first step to ensure that the metrics and outcomes proposed in this application are met, is to inspect construction during critical steps. Our standard practice is to verify rough grade, final grade, elevations of inlets and outlets and inspect all plant & soil amendment material. The goal is to ensure all green infrastructure is built as designed.

   The second step is to monitor the site to ensure that water is pooling, entering and overflowing as expected. The standard practice for our office is to visually monitor new construction after storm events that are significant enough for water to pool. This initial monitoring can inform any adjustments to construction that need to be made.

   Our construction contracts include one-year maintenance and plant guarantees as the plants get established. This ensures that the contractor plants healthy plants, waters them in and it has been successful in the past.

   For ongoing maintenance, the Water Resources Commissioner’s Office will incorporate the new rain gardens and prairie features into our maintenance program. Water Resources will extend the Oakland Estates Sub Drain and incorporate these new rain garden assets. By extending the Drain, we can assure adequate long-term maintenance

and proper function. This drain amendment is approved by our office and the Statutory Drain Board. Water Resources currently has eight public rain gardens that have been incorporated into nearby Drains to be able to sustain long term maintenance.

As part of our maintenance program, we invite neighbors to become stewards of public rain gardens. Currently there are about 100 volunteer stewards who help weed, plant, seed, prune and trim. Water Resources staff train, work alongside and support stewards.

Water Resources staff manage a comprehensive maintenance program for 61 green infrastructure sites across Washtenaw County and have managed this growing program over the past 10 years. Through the maintenance program, the sites are regularly weeded, pruned, re-planted as needed, and sediment is removed. By monitoring the sites quarterly, all sediment accumulation is tracked, and retrofits are coordinated as needed. Maintenance manuals and photo monitoring points can be found on this public rain garden webpage. Maintenance and monitoring work in the rain gardens and prairie will continue indefinitely for Ford Heritage Park as the funding mechanism is permanent.

Trees will be maintained by the Recreation and Parks crew. The crew is familiar with caging, carefully cutting grass around, pruning and other routine tree care work. Over 100 trees have been planted by grant funds in Ypsilanti Township parks in the last three years and there has been very little mortality.

5. **Project Team and Partnerships:** List the individuals who will lead the project and describe their qualifications and experience. Describe additional project partners and their role in the proposed project. Describe the user groups (communities, select users, etc.) who will benefit from and be engaged in project development, implementation, activation and maintenance.

   Washtenaw County's Office of Water Resources will lead this effort. The project manager will be Catie Wytychak, Environmental Specialist. Catie Wytychak has a MS in Natural Resources from the University of Michigan. Catie has overseen green infrastructure maintenance for ten years and has overseen or assisted with green infrastructure construction for four years. Catie is currently managing the NFWF-Improving Natural Habitat in Ypsilanti with Nature-Based Infrastructure (MI) project.

   Harry Sheehan, Chief Deputy Water Resources Commissioner, will assist and advise this project. Harry has a MS in Natural Resources from the University of Michigan and has 26 years of stormwater project and grant experience with the office. Harry managed the NFWF-SEMRF at the CommUNITY Skatepark and NFWF-YTown project.

   Ypsilanti Township Supervisor Brenda Stumbo continues to support collaborative efforts such as construction and ongoing maintenance at Ypsilanti Community Center rain garden, Sugarbrook rain garden, Grace Fellowship rain garden, Faithway Baptist rain garden(s), CommUNITY Skatepark project and has committed cash match to this project. County staff work with Township Parks staff under the Supervisor's direction.

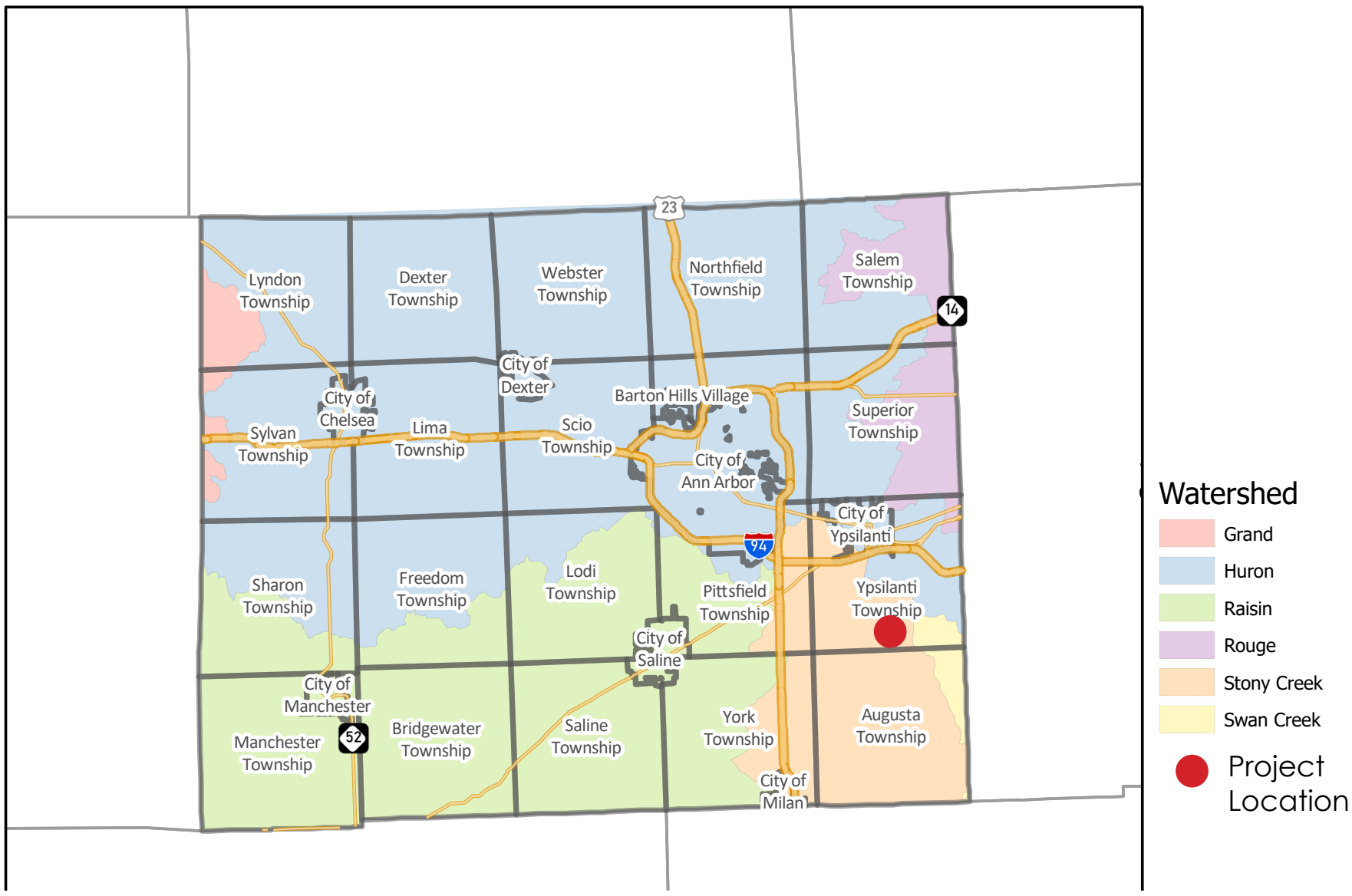
Ford Heritage Park Green Stormwater Infrastructure

8399 Textile Rd, Ypsilanti Michigan 48197

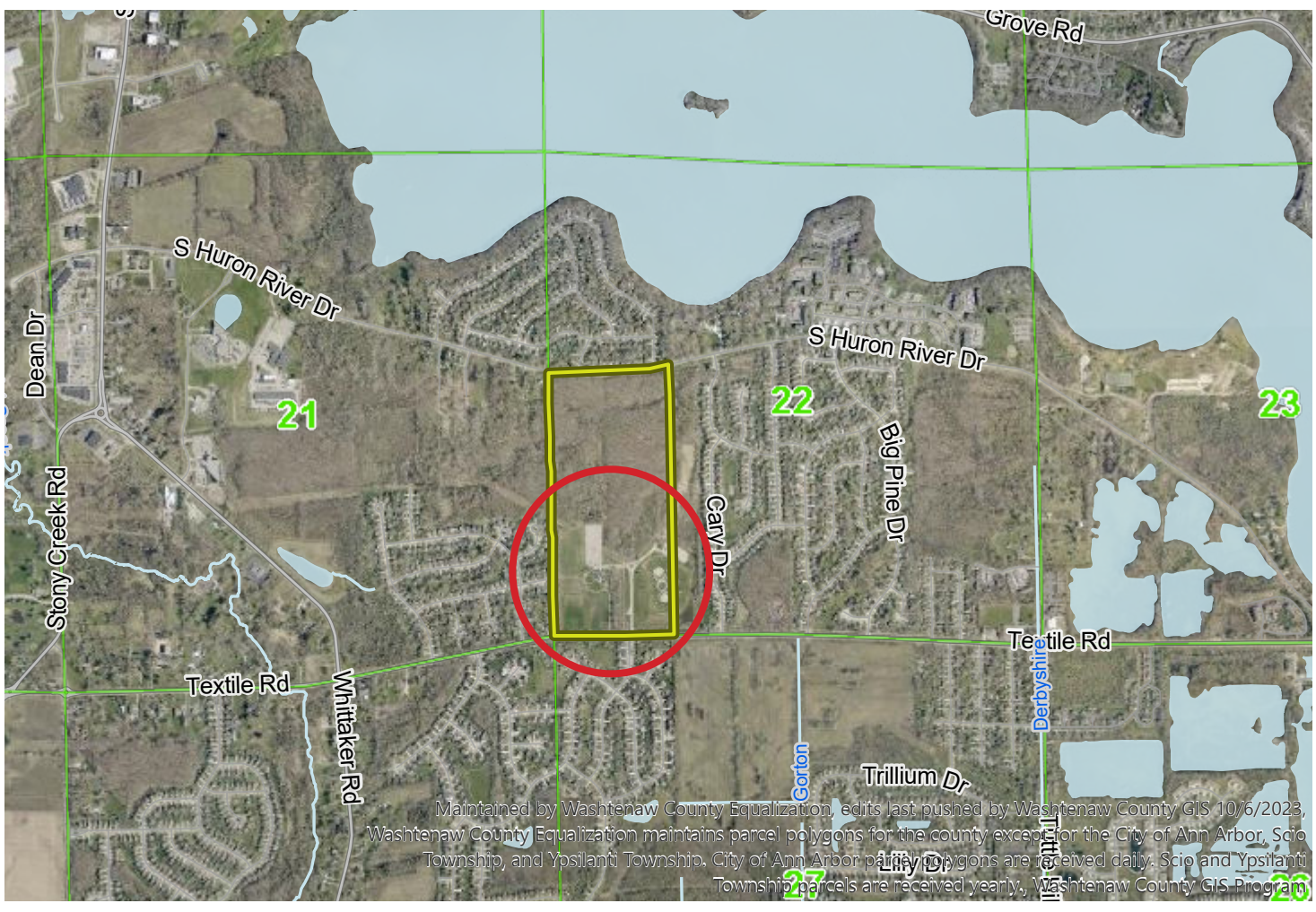
Project Location Map

NFWF Green Infrastructure Grant

Washtenaw County Watershed Map



Neighborhood Aerial Map



Ford Heritage Park Green Stormwater Infrastructure

Concept Plan



Ford Heritage

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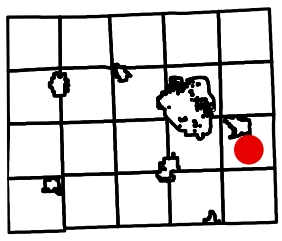

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- rain garden (total 18,000 SF)
- trees (50 trees)
- water flow
- wildflower prairie (2600 SF)
- proposed pathways (~5,000 linear feet)
- drainage areas

Township Supervisor
Brenda L. Stumbo
Township Clerk
Debbie Swanson
Township Treasurer
Stan Eldridge

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October 12, 2026

Catie Wytychak
Water Quality Specialist
705 N. Zeeb Road, P.O. Box 8645
Ann Arbor, MI 48107-8645

Subject: SE Michigan Resilience Fund – Ford Heritage Park Green Infrastructure

Dear Ms. Wytychak,

Ypsilanti Township supports Washtenaw County's Green Infrastructure grant proposal to the Southeast Michigan Resilience Fund. The proposal includes two rain gardens, a wildflower prairie, tree plantings and a pathway at Ford Heritage Park in Ypsilanti Township. Ford Heritage Park currently experiences flooding after storm events, which often forces closures of the soccer fields.

Our ongoing commitment is to improve our waterways and improve our community's resilience to flooding. Ypsilanti Township will work together with the County to finalize the design and engage the public.

We estimate that our match for this project will be $20,000. Ypsilanti Township commits to funding long term maintenance of these new green stormwater features.

We look forward to partnering with you!

Respectfully,

Brenda L Stumbo

Brenda L. Stumbo
Ypsilanti Township Supervisor







Statement of Litigation

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Litigation: In the space provided below, state any litigation (including bankruptcies) involving your organization and either a federal, state, or local government agency as parties. This includes anticipated litigation, pending litigation, or litigation completed within the past twelve months. Federal, state, and local government applicants are not required to complete this section. If your organization is not involved in any litigation, please state below.

This application is submitted on behalf of Washtenaw County, which is a local government applicant so is not required to complete this section.

Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners

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District 1

On January 9th, 2019, Jason Maciejewski was sworn in as Washtenaw County Commissioner for District 1.

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District 2

Crystal Lyte is a devoted wife, proud mommy of two, loyal employee, and committed community servant. She was born and raised in Ypsilanti, MI. She received her K-12 education at Willow Run Community Schools.

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District 3

On January 9th, 2019, Shannon Beeman was sworn in as Washtenaw County Commissioner for District 3.

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District 4

On November 5, 2020 Caroline Sanders was elected to the Board of Commissioners.

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District 5

Justin D. Hodge was sworn in as Washtenaw County Commissioner for District 5 on January 6, 2021.

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District 6

Commissioner Annie Somerville was sworn in on January 4, 2023 to represent District 6, serving the people of the City of Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti Township, and Superior Township.

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District 7

Andy LaBarre was first elected to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners in 2012, representing District 7, located in the eastern half of the City of Ann Arbor.

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District 8

After six years in Lansing as State Representative for Michigan's 53rd House District, Yousef Rabhi returns to serve Washtenaw County as County Commissioner for District 8.

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District 9

On January 9th, 2019, Katie Scott was sworn in as Washtenaw County Commissioner for District 9.

APPLICANT CONTROLS AND CAPABILITIES QUESTIONNAIRE

INSTRUCTIONS: The Applicant Controls Questionnaire (Questionnaire) is required with the submission of a NFWF full proposal. An authorized representative with adequate knowledge of your organization's capability, competence, resources, policies, and procedures should complete and sign the Questionnaire and submit it along with your organization's most recent Single Audit Report (if applicable). Please do not include copies of policies and procedures unless requested.

NFWF utilizes this Questionnaire to perform a risk assessment and determine an organization's eligibility and capacity to manage a NFWF award. Negative responses do not mean an organization is not eligible for an award. Depending on the type of award and the responses herein, NFWF may require additional documentation and/or reporting requirements to raise an organization's capacity and mitigate any potential compliance, audit, financial, or programmatic risks.

ORGANIZATION LEGAL NAME: **Washtenaw County**

ORGANIZATION EIN: **38-6004894**

ORGANIZATION UEI (use the relevant UEI number of your organization (in case of multiple UEIs) M5WKMFUV9GA4

ORGANIZATION ADDRESS: **220 N Main St, Ann Arbor MI 48104**

Audits and U.S. Federal Funding Experience: The following information provides insight into your organization's experience and performance in administering past awards.

1. Does your organization have a current Single Audit report (within the last two years) on file with the Federal Audit Clearinghouse?

   Yes

2. If you responded "Yes" above, does your organization's most recent Single Audit report include any audit findings, material weaknesses, and/or significant deficiencies? If yes, please describe whether your organization has implemented the recommended corrective actions to address the findings. If you responded "No" above, select "N/A".

   No

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3. Has your organization been suspended or debarred from any government contracting process? If yes, please explain if the suspension and debarment are still in effect.

8. Is your organization able to perform projects on a cost-reimbursable basis? If no, please note that advance payments are considered on a case-by-case basis and are dependent upon your organization's ability to minimize the time elapsing between the receipt and disbursement of funds.

   Yes

9. If your organization is funded by more than one funder, does the organization have procedures to prevent commingling of funds and to ensure costs are allocated fairly and consistently across the various funders? If no, please explain.

   Yes

10. Does your organization have a fraud prevention policy that enables the organization to detect, investigate, and report any fraudulent activity immediately? If no, please explain.

    Yes

11. Does your organization have a timekeeping system or documented process that allows staff time (including key personnel) to be tracked to specific funding sources supporting the project? If no, please explain.

    Yes

Organizational Policies and Procedures: The following questions help NFWF understand additional organizational practices to ensure compliance with varying funding source requirements.

12. Does your organization maintain formal evidence of employment with its employees, and conduct background checks for each employee before they are hired? If no, please explain.

    Yes

16. Does your organization have a process for determining the appropriate legal instrument (grant agreement vs. contract for goods/services) and has an appropriate legal/contracting officer confirmed that your organization has the ability to implement the contractual arrangements as envisioned? Select "N/A" if your project(s) does not involve subawards or contractual services.

    Yes

17. Does your organization maintain written policies for property management that include regular inventory audits/verifications? Select "N/A" if your project(s) does not involve equipment or real property.

    Yes

I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the above information is true, complete, and accurate and that I am authorized to submit on behalf of the organization represented above.

SIGNATURE of Authorized Representative

Date Oct 7. 2026

NAME AND TITLE

Catherine Wytychak
Water Quality Specialist

Document retention: This refers to maintaining and keeping financial records, supporting documents, statistical records and all other non-federal entities records pertinent to the federal award.

Cost allowability: This refers to costs that could be incurred because they were allowed under a grant agreement. An allowable cost must be reasonable, such that a prudent person would pay for it.

Indirect costs: This refers to any cost that is not directly identified with a single cost objective but rather a combination of cost objectives.

Cost reimbursable: This refers to a contractual mechanism between two parties whereby payments are made for allowable costs incurred by the other party.

Fraud prevention policy: This refers to the implementation of a strategy to prevent, detect, and report fraudulent activities under an award.

Conflict of interest: This refers to a situation when an individual's personal interests could compromise his/her judgement.

Procurement: This refers to acquisition of goods and services pursuant to applicable procurement requirements.

Grant agreement: This is a legal instrument of financial assistance between a federal awarding agency or pass-through entity and a non-federal entity.

Contract: This is a legal instrument by which a recipient or sub-recipient purchases property or services to carry out the project or program under a federal award.

Equipment: This refers to tangible personal property including information technology (IT) systems having a useful life of more than one year and a per-unit acquisition cost which equals or exceeds the lesser of the capitalization level established by the non-federal entity for financial statement purposes or US $10,000.

Real property: This means land including land improvements, structures, and appurtenances excluding moveable machinery and equipment.