

## Cover Sheet Rural Legacy Application

Please complete this Cover Sheet and submit it with all Attachments

Rural Legacy Area Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

County or Counties Where Eligible Properties Located: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Sponsor's Lead Contact:

Contact's Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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As authorized representative of the above referenced Sponsoring organization, I hereby certify that the information in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Rural Legacy Program Grant Application  
Application for New Area Designation**

**Executive Summary – Narrative  
(two page maximum limit)**

Include a two-page (**maximum**) narrative description of the proposed Rural Legacy Area (RLA) and fill in the Executive Summary forms.

- A. Describe the boundaries of the proposed RLA.
- B. Summarize the location, use and quality of properties proposed, including attributes of the resources protected--agricultural, forestry, cultural, and natural resources--as they relate to the criteria for the Program; i.e., the nature of the resources, their quality, geographic (extent) and occurrence in contiguous blocks, corridors, greenways, and boundaries, etc., and their importance and public/economic value.
- C. Summarize and explain the long-term preservation goals and objectives of the Plan, including the percent of total RLA to be permanently protected, and the estimated use of Rural Legacy funds, and other federal, State and local funds or programs. Include a schedule for expected plan accomplishments, including an estimated year when the Plan will be complete.
- D. Describe how local planning, growth management tools, land use authority, and other supporting programs will be used to prevent development of private land until it can be permanently protected and how these tools will protect the character of the RLA for properties that may not be permanently protected. With respect to 1) existing programs; 2) new programs; and 3) programs and actions under study (with an estimate of their likelihood for enactment and implementation), explain concisely how each of the following, as applicable, supports Rural Legacy objectives:
  - protective zoning,
  - PDR programs,
  - TDR programs,
  - natural resource and environmental protection measures,
  - support for rural economic activities, and
  - any other programs that contribute to meeting the Plan's objectives.
- E. Summarize any threat to the resources and character of the area. What is the Sponsor or local government in the area doing to address this threat?
- F. Describe the degree to which the set of protection and preservation mechanisms comprising the Plan, as described above, are likely to succeed in preserving multiple resources that are extensive, important, of high quality, etc., in the RLA. Explain your rationale for these expectations given current and expected development pressure.

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**Executive Summary - Numbers**

1. What is the total acreage of the proposed Rural Legacy Area (RLA) \_\_\_\_\_
2. Is the proposed RLA designated in the county Master or Comprehensive Plan? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How many acres do you propose to protect with the funds requested in this RLP application?  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. How many parcels of the current request are less than 10 acres? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What is the projected cost per acre for land acquisition proposed in this application?  
Easement \_\_\_\_\_  
Fee Simple \_\_\_\_\_
6. What is the projected total cost per acre (land and transactional costs including administrative, indirect and compliance costs) proposed in this application? \_\_\_\_\_
7. How many acres, including the acres proposed in this application, do you plan to protect with RLP funds over the next 10 years of the program? \_\_\_\_\_
8. How much RLP funding, including the request in this application, will you require to reach your 10-year land protection goals for the RLA? \_\_\_\_\_
9. How many total acres will be protected, by all mechanisms, if the 10-year land protection goals for the RLA are achieved? \_\_\_\_\_
10. What is the long-term, total land protection goal for the RLA? \_\_\_\_\_ (acres) \_\_\_\_\_ (% of RLA)

Note: Funds below should be targeted for the proposed Rural Legacy Area only, not the whole County. Do not include State money as matching funds, including MALPF, POS, or Rural Legacy funds.

Matching Funds <u>proposed</u> for land preservation in the proposed Rural Legacy Area for the period of January 20__ through December 20__.				
SOURCE OF FUNDING Federal, Local, Private, Other (specify)	TYPE OF FUNDING*	FUNDS ARE PROPOSED OR APPLIED FOR	AMOUNT OF FUNDING	ACRES TO BE PROTECTED

\* Examples of Funding Types are: **County** - Cash, County agricultural preservation programs, purchased or transferable development rights programs; **Federal** - National Park Service, Forest Legacy, Land and Water Conservation Fund; **Private** - Grants and gifts from foundations or individuals.

How much money did the County match towards MALPF State funds?_____
Was this amount the full matching amount?_____

Additional or explanatory comments:\_\_\_\_\_

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**Criteria and General Description**

(four page maximum limit)

**Rural Legacy Area - General description:**

1. The significance of the agricultural, forestry, and natural resources proposed for protection.
  - a. The degree to which proposed fee or easement purchases will protect the location, proximity, and size of contiguous blocks of lands, green belts or greenways, or agricultural, forestry, or natural resource corridors.
  - b. The nature, size, and importance of the land area to be protected, such as farmland, forests, wetlands, wildlife habitat and plant species, vegetative buffers, or bay or waterfront access, average width of riparian buffers located on the proposed Rural Legacy Area (RLA) properties.
  - c. The quality and public or economic value of the land, including forms of public access that will be permitted on the proposed RLA properties, i.e. hunting, educational school trips, and trail access.
2. The degree of threat to the resources and character of the area proposed for preservation, as reflected by patterns and trends of development and landscape modifications in and surrounding the proposed RLA.
3. The significance and extent of the cultural resources proposed for protection through fee estate purchases, including the importance of historic sites and significant archaeological areas.
4. The economic value of the resource-based industries or services proposed for protection through land conservation, such as agriculture, recreation, and tourism, as well as any social benefits that will result from the proposed RLA properties being preserved, i.e., support for local food supply, farm-to-schools, benefits to underserved communities, innovative partnerships, linking children to nature.

**Rural Legacy Plan**

1. The overall quality and completeness of the Rural Legacy Plan (Plan):
  - a. The degree to which existing planning, zoning, and growth management policies contribute to land conservation and the protection of cultural resources;
  - b. The degree to which the proposed Plan is consistent with the applicable local comprehensive plan, including protection of sensitive areas and mineral resources;
  - c. How well existing or new conservation programs are coordinated with the proposed acquisition Plan;
  - d. How well the Plan will maximize acquisition of real property interests in contiguous blocks of land within the RLA while providing for protection of isolated acquisitions important to the Plan;
  - e. Provisions for protection of resources, such as voluntarily granted or purchased easements, fee estate purchases, or gifts of lands;
  - f. Methodology for prioritizing and valuing or appraising easements;
  - g. Proposed titleholders for easement or fee estate acquisitions;
  - h. The quality of the proposed stewardship program for holding and monitoring of easement restrictions in perpetuity.

2. The strength and quality of partnerships created for land conservation among federal, State, and local governments and land trusts for implementing the plan, including:
  - a. Financial support (Executive Summary—Numbers)
  - b. Dedication of staff and resources
  - c. Commitment to and development of local land conservation policies, such as changes in zoning and use of transferable development rights.
3. The extent to which federal or other grant programs will serve as a funding match. (Executive Summary--Numbers)
4. A Sponsor's ability to carry out the proposed Plan and the goals and objectives of the Program.

**Other Plan Characteristics:** Landowner participation: Explain the anticipated level of initial landowner participation in the Plan. (Proposed Acquisitions table)

**Public Participation:** Summarize public participation in the development of this application if not previously provided in the RLA application.

**Municipal comments:** Summarize comments received and responses to municipalities within a mile of the RLA.

State of Maryland  
Department of Natural Resources

Rural Legacy Application

Funding Request

Area Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Submission Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Costs:

	Non-Rural Legacy Funds	Rural Legacy Funds	TOTAL
Direct	\$	\$	\$
Incidental	\$	\$	\$
Administrative	\$	\$	\$
Program Compliance	\$	\$	\$
Total	\$		\$
Total Rural Legacy Funds Requested		\$	

Describe any funding, other than Rural Legacy Program funds, or other assistance which has been pledged for the acquisition and/or monitoring of real property as identified in the Executive Summary - Numbers Form of this application.

Will you request Advance Payment for any costs? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

**Proposed Acquisitions – Fiscal Year \_\_\_\_\_**[illegible]



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## Application Check List New Applications

The following documents and attachments should be submitted with each copy of the Application for new Area designation and grant funding. One reproducible copy, and four double-sided copies should be submitted.

### Document

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- \_\_\_\_\_ Cover Sheet
- \_\_\_\_\_ Executive Summary – Narrative (2 pages maximum)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Executive Summary - Numbers (2 pages maximum)  
Matching funds proposed (1 page maximum)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Grant Applications – Criteria & General Description (4 pages maximum)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Funding Request
- \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed Acquisitions Form
- \_\_\_\_\_ Map (one color PDF map):
  - Additional Instructions for the Map:
    - \*Please insure that the number of proposed priority properties shown on the map matches the number of priority properties on the proposed eligible property list.
    - \*The map should show other protected properties in the Area (by color using the legend to designate which color represents the different programs used the protection).
    - \*Please insure the map shows a clearly delineated Area boundary line.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Digital geographic information (GIS data) for the boundary of the Area and of the protected lands intersecting the boundary<sup>1</sup>. This should be transmitted electronically by email or other type of online file transfer service (*Dropbox, Google Drive, etc.*) to the Rural Legacy Program as a shapefile or geodatabase in NAD\_1983\_StatePlane\_Maryland\_FIPS\_1900 meters projection. This information must be submitted simultaneously with the Application (it can be as a separate email but should immediately follow the initial email with this Application) or the Application will be considered incomplete.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10 Color Digital Photos of the newly proposed Area.

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<sup>1</sup> Please refer to the *GIS Submittal Guidelines* for more information.

**Please submit an electronic copy (in Word or PDF format) of the Application and all Attachments.**

**SUBMIT COMPLETED RURAL LEGACY PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATIONS TO:**

**Rural Legacy Program  
Land Acquisition and Planning Unit  
Katrina Tucker, Conservation Easement Supervisor  
KatrinaL.Tucker@maryland.gov**

*Fiscal Year \_\_\_\_\_ Grant Application submission deadline: Second Tuesday in February by 5:00 p.m.  
\*unless otherwise given specific permission*

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