

LWCF Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program 2025

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Project Data Page

1. **Submitted By (Name):** *

2. **Title** *

3. **Organization/Department** *

4. **Email Address** (This email address will be matched to this application for any uploaded documents required. Please send all required documents to LWCFGrants.info@parks.ny.gov) *

5. **Mailing Address** *

6. **Phone Number** *

7. **Is this application for submission in Period 1 or Period 2?** (Please refer to the State submission deadlines on <https://parks.ny.gov/grants/lwcf-orlpp/default.aspx>) *

8. Is the Applicant/Project Sponsor an eligible: (Pick 1) *

- state agency
- federally recognized Indian tribe
- local unit of Government (County, City, Town, Village)
- a special purpose district (an entity created by legislative authority with a mission that includes, acquiring, developing, owning and managing recreation areas)
- None of the above. If none of the above, it does not appear that your organization is eligible for this grant opportunity. If you believe this is in error, please contact the NYS LWCF Grants Team at LWCFGrants.info@parks.ny.gov.

9. What is the name of the eligible Applicant/Project Sponsor? *

10. Enter Applicant SFS Vendor ID: *

11. Enter Applicant State Tax ID number: *

12. Enter Applicant Federal Tax ID number: *

13. What is the Total Project cost (\$0.00): *

The value must be a number

14. What is the amount of Federal Funds being requested (\$0.00): (Federal Share cannot exceed 50% of the total cost.)

The value must be a number

15. **What is the project title? ***

16. **Name of Property Title Holder: ***

17. **What is the name of the park being created and/or developed? ***

18. **What is the physical address/location of the park or property? (Street Address, City, State, Zip) ***

19. **Please provide the X, Y coordinates for the park or property. ***

20. **What is the acreage of the Park Area? ***

The value must be a number

21. **What is the acreage of the proposed boundary of the LWCF protected area?** (Should be the acreage of the entire park unless there are areas ineligible for LWCF funding. Please document and describe ineligible areas on proposed LWCF Boundary Map and in Section 2: Project Overview: Pre-Condition Description.) Number of LWCF Boundary Acres. *

The value must be a number

22. **Please provide a map of the proposed LWCF Protected Boundary.** Map requirements include: no larger than 11" X 17", identify the park acreage and the acreage of the LWCF boundary, Park Name and Address, Project Title, label any easements, rights-of-way or excluded areas from the LWCF Protected boundary. (**Upload required: Proposed LWCF Boundary map**) *

Upload Sent Via Email

23. **What is the 2020 Census Population of the community being served by this project. (must be over 25,000): ***

24. **How was the project community's underserved status determined?** (Select all that apply.)
(*NOTE: CEJST and EPA's EJScreen Tool were removed from the internet because of a Jan 20, 2025, Presidential Executive Order. If these tools were used prior to then please include the results in Section 3.) *

- US Census
- CEJST*
- EPA's EJScreen Tool*
- Other

25. **Is the project : ***

- Acquisition
- New Development
- Renovation
- Combination Acquisition & Development

26. **Provide a brief description/statement of the project and its proposed impact and improvements. ***

Please enter at most 650 characters

27. **If this is part of a larger, overall project, then please include a statement describing the larger project. ***

Please enter at most 650 characters

Project Overview

28. **Describe and quantify the types of resources and features of or on the property; these could include existing forest, grassland, or water courses. Descriptions of existing resources may include descriptions of existing hardscape features or recreation infrastructure.** (e.g., 50 acres of forested area, 2,000 feet of waterfront, scenic views, unique or special features, recreation amenities, historic/cultural resources) *

Please enter at most 1250 characters

29. **Describe the current uses (if any) or disposition of the property to be acquired or developed, if uses will need to be discontinued, or the site rehabilitated. If there are any existing non-outdoor recreation or other non-public uses that will remain on the property on an interim or permanent basis and/or proposed in the future, these should be explained.**

Please enter at most 1250 characters

30. **Describe constraints of the property (e.g., existing development; hazardous materials/contamination history; and restrictions such as institutional controls, easements, rights-of-way, reversionary interests, above ground/underground utilities; etc.).** *

Please enter at most 1250 characters

31. **Upload required: proof of ownership, boundary map with easements, ROW, etc.** (Select all that apply) *

- Proof of ownership
- Boundary map with easements
- ROW
- Other

Acquisition and Development Descriptions:

If answer to Q25 in section 1 is "New Development" or "Renovation" then skip questions 32-34.

- 32. **For acquisition projects:** Provide a description of the property (including the current ownership) and an explanation of the need for its acquisition. (If not applicable, write "NA")

Please enter at most 650 characters

- 33. **For acquisition projects:** State whether the acquisition would create a new public park/recreation area or if it will expand an existing site, and if so, by how much. (If not applicable, write "NA")

Please enter at most 650 characters

- 34. **For acquisition projects:** Describe the status of the acquisition, including negotiations with the landowner and development of due diligence materials such as title work and appraisal. Check with the State to ensure use of the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisition (aka yellow book) estimate of fair market value. Explain the basis for the value estimate if an appraisal has not yet been performed. (If not applicable, write "NA")

Please enter at most 650 characters

- 35. **For acquisition & development projects:** Describe the planned physical improvements and/or facilities, and the reason(s) such development is needed. Explain whether the work involves new development or rehabilitation or replacement of existing recreation facilities and any impacts the development will have on the natural landscape. (If not applicable, write "NA") *

Please enter at most 650 characters

- 36. **For acquisition & development projects:** Describe the activation and support of the site through existing or potential community partnerships (e.g., Master Gardeners, Local Land Trusts, USFS Urban Connections Program, Local Conservancies, Forestry Programs). *

Please enter at most 650 characters

37. **For acquisition & development projects:** Describe the timeframe for the start and completion of development and when it will be open for public use. (If not applicable, write "NA") *

Please enter at most 650 characters

Merit Review Criteria

38. **Criterion 1:** ORLP Objective: To improve parks, recreational opportunities, and conservation areas in urban and underserved communities. (Weight 20%)

How does the project meet the needs of at least 25,000 people in an underserved community?

*a. Community population can be identified using 2020 Census Tract, US Census Urban Area, and population of incorporated town or city. b. Underserved status can be demonstrated through identification use of the Climate and Environmental Justice Screening Tool (CEJST), the Environmental Protection Agency's EJScreen, or documentation submitted by the community describing the demographic and environmental factors that indicate the community's status of need. c. If boundaries are being used from US Census, CEJST or EJScreen tools then please allow for a 1/2 mile buffer as an acceptable area of effect. d. Documentation of need should include information on current deficiency of access by the affected community to parks, conservation areas, and outdoor recreation opportunities. Please include information on descriptions of how this deficiency impacts the community in relevant ways (e.g., community health and safety, resilience to natural disasters, avoidance of legacy pollution, access to clean water and air, etc.). Also describe how the project is expected to provide community benefits. e. Federally recognized Tribes are eligible to apply for ORLP projects on lands that are held by that Tribal Nation or Trust Lands. Documentation of the effected community should be prepared by the Tribal Nation or community and submitted as a narrative with the application. **

Please enter at most 4000 characters

39. **Upload required** (Select items uploaded from the list below) *

- US Census Map
- CEJST Map
- EJScreen Map
- Other Map
- Other Documentation

- 40. **Criterion 2:** ORLP Goal / ORLP projects should be developed in collaboration with the communities they serve. This ensures that planning and land development decisions do not place unfair burdens on underserved groups. (Weight 30%)

In what ways does the project demonstrate substantial effort or engagement to involve residents of the neighborhood(s) in its development? What strong initiatives, policies, or incentives are in place to support these communities?

a. Describe the process that led to the development of the proposal. Include efforts to engage the community(ies) served, and their participation in the project's design. b. Provide information on state or local policies, initiatives, or incentives that support and strengthen the surrounding underserved community .c. Provide information on how your project engaged underserved communities and provided inclusive participation in the planning process. Please include the following: i. Number of engagements (e.g. meetings, polls, surveys, workshops, or other creative ways to foster community feedback) held and number of attendees, number of community members contacted, number of responses received, etc. ii. Provide details on how your project engaged the underserved community(ies) and provided inclusive participation in the planning process. iii. Number of accessible park design meetings that include virtual, evening, and weekend meetings. iv. A demographic description of the participants (e.g., youth, seniors, and families) involved in the engagement process. v. How the meetings were conducted to reach the design goals. This could include the use and outcomes of visual preference surveys, interviews, etc.vi. Any additional strategies were used to gather public involvement on this project., such as text polls, surveys, tabling at community events, workshops, etc. *

Please enter at most 4000 characters

- 41. **Criterion 3:** ORLP Goal / ORLP aims to support public-private partnerships to leverage project support. In many instances the most successful outdoor recreation projects include cooperation and partnerships among governments, property owners, developers, financial institutions, and the public to secure equitable results. (Weight 10%)

How does the project demonstrate significant collaboration among the public and private sectors, including multiple levels of government, private/non-profit organizations, and/or community groups?

a. Describe the partnerships or other collaborative efforts that have helped, or will help to, facilitate the project. b Please provide information on any partnership or strategies used to implement the desired outcome of your project. Ideal partnerships could include governments, property owners, developers, financial institutions, and the public, etc. *

Please enter at most 1000 characters

- 42. **How does this project meet the 1:1 (minimum 50%) funding grant non-federal share requirement?**

Explain the sources of local matching funds and their amounts. a. Provide any documentation that either identifies potential or confirms funding. b. LWCF grants are provided to the States, and through the States to qualifying sub-awardees, on a matching basis for up to fifty percent (50%) of the total project-related allowable costs for the acquisition of land and the development of facilities for public outdoor recreation and for fulfilling the program's planning requirements. Grants to eligible insular areas (American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands) shall be for 100% assistance. *

Please enter at most 450 characters

43. Upload required: Provide letters of general support and confirmation letters of financial support. *

Letters of general support

Financial support letters

44. Has this project received any previous ORLP or LWCF funding support? a. Provide a summary of the previous scope(s) of work completed under or, if the scope(s) of work have not been completed, provide status updates. b. Provide information on how this application supports the previously funded work. c. Provide details on how community engagement was carried out to inform and involve the public in a phased approach for project completion. *

Please enter at most 1250 characters

45. Criterion 4: ORLP Goal / ORLP projects empower communities through local public greenspace investment, fostering resilience and sustainable landscape development. They aim to restore ecosystems, protect biodiversity, and provide recreational and economic benefits. These initiatives also enhance public health in underserved areas through active living, land conservation, water resource protection, cultural preservation, native landscape restoration, and disaster mitigation. (Weight 20%)

What environmental or ecological measures does your project include to mitigate the impacts of future natural disasters and enhance resilience for the community it serves?

*a. Possible solutions may include the implementation of green infrastructure as defined by Section 502 of the Clean Water Act as "...the range of measures that use plant or soil systems, permeable pavement or other permeable surfaces or substrates, stormwater harvest and reuse, or landscaping to store, infiltrate, or evapotranspire stormwater and reduce flows to sewer systems or to surface waters." b. Please provide the current percentage of impervious cover for your project site and what the impervious surface cover will be after the planned development. Please provide any information on how stormwater will be managed to address any added impervious surfaces. c. Please provide the current percentage of existing local or native vegetation cover (e.g., forest cover, grassland) for your project site and what that coverage will be after development. **

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46. How many people within a 1/4 mile, 1/2 mile, and 1 mile radius will gain new access to the project area once your project is built? *

Please enter at most 450 characters

47. **Criterion 5:** ORLP Goal / ORLP projects should promote, protect, and incorporate the distinctive character of a community and its unique contexts. Geography, natural features, climate, culture, historical resources, and ecology each contribute to the distinctive character of a community's sense of place, comfort, and belonging. (Weight 20%)

How does the proposed project enhance and strengthen the sense of place for the underserved community it is intended to serve?

a. Describe how your project involved diverse people in the planning processes and considered various perspectives that helped the community stay connected to the projects sense of place. b. Please note that new projects can foster a sense of place when they symbolize hope, and they are familiar. Share how your project symbolizes hope and provides familiarity with the communities it is intended to serve. c. Creative placemaking uses art and culture to rejuvenate public spaces to build strong, vibrant communities. Share some instances of creative placemaking that actively involved the community they are designed for. *

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