

WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION

Iowa Department of Agriculture & Land Stewardship – Division of Soil Conservation

Preliminary Project Title:

Applicant:

Contact Person: Name:

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Please provide brief, yet complete as possible responses to the following set of questions.

Your Regional Coordinator can offer assistance with your responses.

1. Please describe the physical characteristics of the watershed as well as the water quality or watershed problem(s) your soil and water conservation district is attempting to address. Be sure to include a summary of any data providing evidence of the problem to be addressed. Also indicate the impact the problem is having on the environment, the watershed stakeholders, and the public.

2. If the waterbody being addressed is on EPA's 303(d) List of Impaired Waters, please describe the impact and cause (if available) of the impairment. If the waterbody is on the List, has a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) been completed on the waterbody, or when is one scheduled to be completed? Based upon information in the TMDL, what are the major pollutant sources? How will this project attempt to assess these sources? If the waterbody is not on the List, please describe the problems and significance of the waterbody. For example, is it a drinking water source? Is it a major recreation area? Is it listed as one of Iowa's priority lakes or streams? What is the designated use(s)? Are future renovations planned for the waterbody?

3. In order to identify the critical source areas contributing the most to the identified watershed problem, a large part of the Watershed Development and Planning Assistance Grant will be to complete a detailed watershed assessment to identify and assess all potential threats to the watershed. Additional assessment information such as landowner and community interest within the watershed and the financial support from the watershed partners are also very important to know. The Division of Soil Conservation (DSC), Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) staff may be available to assist your district with this process. However, for now, please describe the level of assessment that has already been completed.

4. Effectively developing a watershed project is a complex process involving many steps, which have to be completed in a specified order to further the planning process. Please use the chart below to identify and schedule your proposed activities (i.e. stakeholder surveys, GIS-based watershed assessment, information and education efforts, application development, etc.). Place an “X” in the appropriate box(es) to indicate the time frame when the specific activity begins and when it will end:

Identify a start date: __/__/____(up to 90 days will be needed for development of a plan of work and budget prior to starting)

Specific Activities to be completed	Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Month 4	Month 5	Month 6	Month 7	Month 8	Month 9	Month 10	Month 11	Month 12	Month 13	Month 14	Month 15

5. Please describe the level of technical and financial support your district has secured from other federal, state and local agencies, organizations, or groups to develop your proposed project.

6. It is recognized that each district has different personnel and financial resources available to complete activities associated with developing a thorough watershed project and assessment. Please describe what type of financial and/or technical assistance your district is requesting based on the specific activities you have proposed to complete in question 4.

7. Please describe the objectives the district ultimately plans to accomplish through this project. You may also include any other important aspects of your proposed project that your district believes would be relevant to your application. If a watershed improvement project was previously completed on this water resource, when did the project end? Summarize the results and outcomes of the project. What has changed in the watershed to justify another watershed improvement project? If a Watershed Development and Planning Assistance Grant application has been submitted previously for the water resource but not funded, identify what changes in the grant application have been made.

Attachments such as maps or other relevant information, although not required, can be attached to the proposal to assist reviewers with their evaluation.