

2026 - 2027 Watershed Partnership Service Agreement Application

With help from the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District (FSWCD), Columbus Water & Power (CWP) aims to fund Service Agreements with watershed organizations and conservation groups to implement water pollution prevention techniques, stormwater best management practices, and public education aligned with these initiatives. At this time, only projects that are executed within the City of Columbus limits will be considered.

This program adheres to the principles of the One Water concept, which emphasizes managing water in ways that respect and respond to the natural flows of watersheds, ecosystems, geology, and hydrology of the region. Watershed-level management convenes regional partners from various sectors for joint planning and collaborative action to safeguard shared natural resources essential for health, agriculture, industry, aquatic species, forests, wildlife, recreation, and life itself.

This funding is not intended for operational expenses or everyday needs. Instead, it is aimed at facilitating innovative projects and ambitious ideas that might be otherwise unattainable. We encourage applicants to propose projects that would be infeasible without this financial support.

This program is modeled after a program administered by the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District.



Organization Information Provide sufficient detail to demonstrate eligibility as outlined in Section D of the RFP.

Applicant Organization Name Required

Please select your organization type: (Select 1 option) Required

- ☐ 501(c)(3) nonprofit primarily focused on preserving and improving the quality of rivers, streams, and their watersheds in the Columbus region
- ☐ 501(c)(3) nonprofit primarily focused on conservation of natural resources in the Columbus region
- ☐ Organization seeking 501(c)(3) nonprofit status that will fall under one of the categories above

Board Roster Required

Please attach all files to the end of this form before submitting it.

Organizational Mission Required Please fill in your organization's mission statement below.

Letters of Support Required Attach at least one and no more than three letters of support from local governments.

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Financial Stability

Financial Documentation Required

Attach the following as separate documents: (1) Current annual operating budget and (2) IRS Form-990 OR most recent audited financial statement.

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Proposed Service(s) Information

If you are submitting multiple project proposals, please click the green "Add" button at the bottom to start a new set of responses for each proposal. There's no need to submit separate applications.

Proposed Service 1

Project Name Required

Description of Proposed Service Required Limit of 1,200 characters.

Eligible Service Category (see Section E) (Select 1 option) Required

- ☐ Water quality monitoring, including levels 2 or 3 credible data collection
- ☐ Restoration of streams, wetlands, and other degraded landscapes
- ☐ Preservation and conservation of open spaces through land acquisition and conservation services
- ☐ Invasive species removal activities and tree planting within riparian corridors
- ☐ Educational programming, workshops, or watershed assistance
- ☐ Implementation of innovative stormwater and watershed management practices
- ☐ Development of Nine-Element Nonpoint Source Implementation Strategic Plans (NPS-IS) for HUC-12s
- ☐ Climate resiliency projects that have a nexus to water quality
- ☐ Promotion of pollution prevention techniques and best practices
- ☐ Public art that engages and educates residents on water-quality issues
- ☐ AmeriCorps member matching funds
- ☐ Attainment of 501(c)(3) status

Which watershed will your proposed service occur in? (Select 1 option) Required

- ☐ Scioto River Watershed
- ☐ Big Walnut Creek Watershed
- ☐ Olentangy River Watershed

Geographic Area Required Please be as specific as possible.

Will this service occur on private property? (Select 1 option) Required

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Answer this question if you selected 'Yes' in *Proposed Service(s) Information > > Proposed Service 1 > Will this service occur on private property?*

Please attach a completed Landowner Acknowledgement Form for your proposed service. Required

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Does your proposed project support any of the following plans your organization has? Select all that apply. (Select 1 or more options) Required

- ☐ Nine-Element NPS-IS Plan
- ☐ Balanced Growth Plan
- ☐ Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Study
- ☐ N/A

Answer this question if you:

- made a selection that includes 'Nine-Element NPS-IS Plan' in *Proposed Service(s) Information > > Proposed Service 1 > Does your proposed project support any of the following plans your organization has? Select all that apply.*

Or if you:

- made a selection that includes 'Balanced Growth Plan' in *Proposed Service(s) Information > > Proposed Service 1 > Does your proposed project support any of the following plans your organization has? Select all that apply.*

Or if you:

- made a selection that includes 'Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Study' in *Proposed Service(s) Information > > Proposed Service 1 > Does your proposed project support any of the following plans your organization has? Select all that apply.*

How will this service project support the relevant watershed plan(s) you selected? Required

Answer this question if you made a selection that includes 'N/A' in *Proposed Service(s) Information* > > *Proposed Service 1* > *Does your proposed project support any of the following plans your organization has? Select all that apply.*

If your proposed project doesn't support a watershed plan (or your organization doesn't have one), how does the service preserve and/or improve the quality of rivers, streams within the watershed? Required

Describe your organization's structure and capacity to successfully implement this project. Required

(e.g., relevant experience, technical expertise, staff availability, and familiarity with similar scope or service type.)

If applicable, identify a proposed Project Manager and describe their role and experience. Required

(e.g., experience managing similar projects, relevant technical or managerial skills, prior work with watershed or public-sector partners, and responsibility for day-to-day project delivery)

Please list intended project deliverable(s). Required

(e.g., completed plans or reports; linear feet of stream restored; number of practices installed; educational materials developed; workshops or trainings conducted; monitoring reports, etc.)

What outcomes do you expect this project to achieve? Required

(e.g., water quality improvement, pollutant load reduction, habitat enhancement, community benefit, etc.)

How will project outcomes be measured or evaluated? Required

(e.g., performance metrics, monitoring, inspections, participation tracking, modeling, reporting, etc.)

Timeline Required Include key milestones and expected completion date.

Maintenance Plan Required If applicable, outline your long-term maintenance plan for the proposed service.

Estimated Total Cost Required

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Budget Required Please upload a breakdown of your proposed budget.

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Underserved Communities (Select 1 option) Required Does the proposed service benefit a historically underserved community?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Answer this question if you selected 'Yes' in *Proposed Service(s) Information > > Proposed Service 1 > Underserved Communities*

If yes, specify the community your project will serve. Required

Answer this question if you selected 'No' in *Proposed Service(s) Information > > Proposed Service 1 > Underserved Communities*

If no, why did you choose this location/community? Required

Submit any additional materials you feel are relevant if not captured above. (e.g., photos, maps, plans, etc.)

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Signature

Signature Required

First Name Required

Last Name Required

Title Required

Email Address Required

Date Required

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