

**TOWN OF WINDHAM
WATERSHED PROTECTION FUND
2019 GRANT APPLICATION**

Eligible Projects: Grant funds can only be used for the protection or restoration of water bodies located in whole, or in part, within the Town of Windham. Preference will be shown toward non-profit organizations that are based in Windham. Preference will also be shown toward projects that will promote the sharing of equipment, knowledge, and other resources with other non-profit groups in the Town of Windham.

Application Deadline: The grant application deadline is February 9, 2019. All applications must be delivered to the Windham Town Manager's Office by that date. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Applicants will be notified of incomplete applications within five days of their receipt at the Town Manager's Office.

Grant Award and Disbursement: The Windham Town Council will complete their review of the applications and select grant recipients by March 13, 2019. All applicants will be notified by mail of the Council's decision. Projects that have been awarded a grant will receive the funds by April 10, 2019. The Town reserves the right to grant all, or any part, of the total amount requested.

Deliverables: Grant recipients will be required to submit a Final Report upon completion of all project activities. The Final Report shall include an accounting of all income and expenses presented in the same format as the original budget spreadsheet, a list of accomplishments, digital photographs, and the name of the organization responsible for maintaining any equipment or infrastructure associated with the project.

Applicant Contact Information:

Applicant Name Forest Lake Association

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Qualifications and Experience:

The Forest Lake Association is a vital, not for profit organization that has been dedicated to stewardship of our lake for the past 65 years. We are active in protecting our 200-acre lake surrounded by Cumberland, Gray, and Windham towns. Our activities include yet are not limited to:

- Providing water quality testing and support statewide data collection through the Lake Stewards of Maine Monitoring Program.
- Coordinating a volunteer plant patrol group that conducts yearly lake-wide survey of plant growth and invasive species inspections.
- Monitoring the lakes only dam, providing repairs as needed.
- Servicing a community advocates for the benefit of lake residents and for the preservation of water quality.
- Hosting periodic social events and activities to foster a greater awareness of the watershed community.
- Raising money to use as matching grant funds and to support other Association efforts.
- Delivering newsletters and other information (by email or website) of value to lake residents.
- Conducting annual meetings with informational workshops.

We have conducted Watershed surveys in 1986, 2003, and 2017 . We received grant monies to correct multiple run off sites in conjunction with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Cumberland County Soil & Water Conservation (CCSWCD) in 2003. Forest Lake remains on the DEP list of most at risk lakes in Maine.

Project Description:**Project Name** 2019 Road Assistance**Water Body Name** Forest Lake

Based on the findings of the 2017 watershed survey, and the goals listed in our 2018 watershed protection plan, FLA is working with DEP and CCSWCD to apply for federal Clean Water Act funds to address the survey's identified sites. Forest Lake Association was not awarded any grant money from DEP for 2019 but will reapply for funds for 2020.

To address problem sites now, FLA is requesting \$ 20,000 from the Town of Windham to assist private roads with improvements in 2019. From the 2017 watershed survey, private roads accounted for nearly 1/3 of the sites identified (25 out of 77 total sites) and were the land use activity identified with the most severe water quality impacts. Private roads contributed the most medium and high impact sites (total 20). 42 sites of the total 77 sites documented occurred in Sectors 1, 4, and 5 all in Windham township.

The Protection Plan for 2019 is to correct 10 high impact private road sites and 2 high impact residential sites. Estimated costs to fix these sites are estimated as "medium to high" and skill level "medium to high". Our goal is work towards correcting these sites as soon as possible to decrease soil run off.

Project Benefits:

FLA will continue to reach out to private road associations to discuss programs and incentives to encourage ongoing road maintenance for 2019. The \$6,000 2018 funding from the Town of Windham has been dedicated to repair roads with formal road associations that have demonstrated / can demonstrate the means to maintain improvements installed. FLA will encourage additional private roads to establish formal road associations and procedures for ongoing road maintenance.

With assistance from the Town of Windham ,this project will serve as a first step towards improving the highest impact sites identified in the 2017 watershed survey. Those benefiting will include private road residents in Windham and stakeholders of Forest Lake. As a lake of Windham, the protection of Forest Lake enables the Town to protect and improve its natural resources, maintain its tax base, and address some of its most pressing private road sites. Proactive protection of the lake also helps to leverage support of acquiring future federal grant funds.

Project Schedule and Cost:

Planned Duration: Start Date: May 2019 End Date: November 2019

Total Cost of the Project \$ 34,000

Amount Requested from the Windham Watershed Protection Fund \$ 20,000

Matching Funds: Cash: \$ 10,000 Services: \$ 4,000

Who will provide the matching funds/services?

Landowners/private road associations and FLA

Will there be any other sources of funding?

Not for 2019. FLA did not receive grant money from federal Clean Water Act funds for 2019. FLA will submit a grant request from federal Clean Water Act funds for 2020.

Please attach a project budget spreadsheet including all income and expenses including material, equipment, labor, and indirect costs (e.g., insurance).

Income	
2018 Town of Windham Watershed Protection Fund (Cash)	\$20,000
Landowner match to improve site (Cash or In-Kind)	\$10,000
FLA assistance with private road association outreach / prioritizing private road assistance (In-Kind)	\$2,000
FLA reporting on accomplishments and invoicing of completed work (In-Kind)	\$2,000
TOTAL INCOME	\$34,000
Expense	
Technical assistance for private road recommendations	\$10,000
Private road improvement costs	\$20,000
FLA assistance with private road association outreach / prioritizing private road assistance (In-Kind)	\$2,000
FLA reporting on accomplishments and invoicing of completed work (In-Kind)	\$2,000
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$34,000

Resource Sharing:

FLA will be working with private contractors and the Town of Windham through this project based on road improvement recommendations/designs from CCSWCD engineer site assessment in June of 2018. These recommendations have been provided to the road association(s) and FLA in 2018 and may be able to be mimicked for other roads with similar issues.