



# DENTON COUNTY WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

## REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS SUMMARY

### **Purpose and Benefits:**

Upper Trinity Conservation Trust (UTCT) is accepting applications to provide funding for projects that implement on-the-ground practices and activities that will provide water quality benefits and help to accomplish the goals of the Denton County Greenbelt Plan ([www.DentonCountyGreenbeltPlan.com](http://www.DentonCountyGreenbeltPlan.com)).

### **Eligible Properties and Applicants:**

- Rural and Urban Properties
- Private Landowners
- Municipalities
- Utilities or other Municipal Governmental Districts
- Non-profit organizations (e.g. 501(c)(3))

### **Projects that are eligible for funding include, but are not limited to:**

- Riparian restoration (planting, seeding or similar activity that would lead to a diverse and resilient riparian area)
- Land management practices that improve natural processes that can reduce erosion and benefit water quality
- Green stormwater infrastructure
- Educational signage or similar items

### **Projects that are not eligible for funding include, but are not limited to:**

- Planning and/or design efforts
- Trail development

### **Requirements:**

- Applicant(s) must adopt the Denton County Greenbelt Plan by resolution or provide written letter of support.
- Projects must be within the watersheds of Lakes Grapevine, Lewisville or Ray Roberts or the Elm Fork of the Trinity River downstream from Lewisville Lake.
- Application must be filled out completely.



## **Background and Purpose**

Denton County contains three major drinking water supply reservoirs (Lakes Grapevine, Lewisville and Ray Roberts) which are fed by thousands of miles of creeks and rivers that flow through privately-owned lands and cities. These reservoirs are also a major recreational and economic benefit for residents. As Denton County urbanizes, preserving riparian greenbelt corridors - the vegetated areas along creeks, rivers and lakes - will help protect water quality in the County's reservoirs.

The Denton County Greenbelt Plan (Plan) was adopted in 2017 as a guide to preserve riparian greenbelt corridors and protect water quality in the creeks, rivers and lakes in the County that act as a natural filter and help to stabilize banks, among other benefits. The Plan also encourages implementing green stormwater infrastructure practices to reduce the amount of stormwater runoff (and associated pollutants) from urbanized areas. More information about the Plan can be found at [www.DentonCountyGreenbeltPlan.com](http://www.DentonCountyGreenbeltPlan.com).

## **Grant Guidelines and Requirements**

Upper Trinity Conservation Trust is accepting applications for projects that implement on-the-ground practices and activities that accomplish the goals of the Denton County Greenbelt Plan. Applicants must have either adopted the Plan by resolution or proclamation, have a co-applicant (Project Partner) that has adopted the Plan, or provide a written letter of support of the Plan that can be included with the application.

Applicants should submit proposals for projects that range in cost from \$5,000 - \$20,000 with the final funding amount to be determined by UTCT based on the value of the project and/or other projects that may be requesting funds. Projects with total costs greater than \$20,000 will be accepted but should consider including matching funds if needed to cover the costs of the project since UTCT funds are limited. UTCT funds may also be used as match for other grant opportunities. Please contact us to discuss this possibility. Projects will be scored and ranked based on the points assigned to each question in the application for a total of 100 points. Final decisions on funding projects will be made by the UTCT Board of Trustees.



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**For questions or to submit an application, contact Blake Alldredge (UTRWD) at 972-219-1228 or [balldredge@utrwd.com](mailto:balldredge@utrwd.com).**



# GRANT APPLICATION FOR WATERSHED PROJECTS

Please fill in the information below each line. Please limit responses for 250 words or less in each section, unless otherwise noted.

PROJECT NAME

APPLICANT NAME AND ADDRESS

APPLICANT TYPE (CHECK ONE)

- Landowner
- Municipality
- Utility or Other Governmental Entity
- Non-Profit Organization

POINT OF CONTACT NAME, EMAIL AND PHONE NUMBER



WHO ARE THE OTHER PROJECT PARTNERS (CO-APPLICANTS)? HAVE ANY PROJECT PARTNERS ADOPTED THE DENTON COUNTY GREENBELT PLAN OR PROVIDED A WRITTEN LETTER OF SUPPORT?

1. PROJECT LOCATION & WATERSHED (DESCRIBE THE LANDSCAPE, WATERSHED LOCATED IN, ESTIMATED TIME TO COMPLETION OF PROJECT, ACREAGE INVOLVED, HOW IT IS MANAGED, ETC). IS THE PROJECT LOCATED AT AN AREA IDENTIFIED AS A PRIMARY OR SECONDARY STREAM IN THE GREENBELT PLAN? (VISIT [WWW.DENTONCOUNTYGREENBELTPLAN.COM](http://WWW.DENTONCOUNTYGREENBELTPLAN.COM) FOR MORE INFO) [15 POINTS]



2. PROJECT SUMMARY – WHAT PROBLEM WILL THE PROJECT ADDRESS? INCLUDE MEASURABLE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT. HOW DOES THE PROJECT ALIGN WITH THE DENTON COUNTY GREENBELT PLAN GOALS? [20 POINTS]



3. MEASUREABLE IMPACT – WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED WATER QUALITY/QUANTITY AND/OR LOCAL COMMUNITY BENEFITS FROM THE PROJECT AND HOW WILL THE BENEFITS BE QUANTIFIED? WILL VOLUNTEERS BE USED DURING THE PROJECT? [25 POINTS]

4. HOW WILL THE PROJECT BE MANAGED AND MONITORED OVER TIME? [10 POINTS]



5. BUDGET SUMMARY – WHAT IS THE TOTAL BUDGET FOR THE PROJECT? HOW MUCH IS BEING REQUESTED FROM UTCT? PROVIDE A BREAKDOWN OF THE ESTIMATED COSTS FOR ALL THE SERVICES AND ITEMS PURCHASED FOR THE PROJECT. COSTS WILL BE REIMBURSED TO APPLICANT UP TO AGREED UPON AMOUNT. RECEIPTS OR VERIFICATION OF COSTS REQUIRED. MATCH (CASH OR IN-KIND) IS NOT REQUIRED, BUT PROJECTS THAT CONTAIN MATCHING FUNDS WILL RECEIVE A HIGHER SCORE. LANDOWNERS MAY BE EXEMPT FROM PROVIDING MATCHING FUNDS TO RECEIVE HIGHER SCORE. [20 POINTS]





6. HOW WILL THE PROJECT BE USED FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH? (EXAMPLES: SOCIAL MEDIA, NEWS ARTICLES, VIDEOS, SIGNAGE, ETC. PRIVATE LANDOWNERS CAN BE EXEMPT FROM THIS, BUT SHOULD STATE IF WILLING TO ALLOW PROJECT TO BE PART OF NEWS ARTICLE, VIDEO, ETC.) [10 POINTS]