



Town of Huntington Conservation Fund Application Process

(adopted May 19, 2014)

1. Proposed conservation projects must address and support the intended purpose and criteria of the “acquisition and perpetual protection of critical historical, agricultural, and natural resources” within the Town of Huntington. Refer to *Criteria for Use of Huntington’s Conservation Fund* which has been created to assist this purpose. No single criterion is intended to exclude a proposal from consideration.
2. Projects may include, but not limited to, outright purchase of land and structures, purchase of conservation easements, critical resource improvements, and related expenses such as legal and consultant fees, survey and evaluation costs, and other expenses associated with the process of conservation.
3. Proposals may be initiated by but not limited to the following: Huntington residents appointed and elected town officials, and local, regional and national conservation organizations.
4. Requests for conservation funds are presented in writing to the chair of the Huntington Conservation Commission (HCC) via the application form. The town may set application deadlines. Most proposals will require a 90-day lead time.
5. Conservation commission members will review applications and make recommendations to the Selectboard regarding the appropriateness and feasibility of proposed conservation projects. If the HCC has initiated and is developing a proposal and other proposals are submitted concurrently, all proposals will be submitted to the Selectboard.
6. There are no monetary caps on requests for conservation funds and matching funds are recommended. The amount requested should reflect the significance of the project while taking into account competing current and future possibilities for the use of this fund.
7. If HCC finds applicant has significant criteria met, HCC will submit the proposal to the Selectboard.
8. A duly-warned public meeting by the Selectboard will be held to solicit community input regarding the conservation project(s) selected.
9. The Selectboard will make the final determination for expenditures of Conservation funds.