

**Application for Funding
South Carolina Conservation Bank
Revised 08/01/2012**

I. General Information: Section One:

Acquisition type: Fee Simple Conservation Easement Loan Other

Landowner's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Daytime Telephone: _____

Eligible Trust Fund Recipient Seeking Funding

Name of Organization: _____

Authorized Agent Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Daytime Telephone: _____

II. Property Information

Legal Description: County _____

Tax Map # _____

Assessor's Plat and Lot Numbers: _____

Deed Reference (Book and Page Number) _____

Current local zoning status where property is located _____

Location on County Map (attach) _____

GPS Coordinates (if available) _____

Brief description of property including:

- a. Total acres _____
- b. Total forested _____
- c. Total cleared/open _____
- d. Total wetlands _____
- e. Creeks or rivers _____

f. Please include any surveys, USGS maps, directions, county locator map, or any other pertinent information.

III. Miscellaneous Information:

- a. Who is the party responsible for managing this land? (Code Sec. 48-59-70)

Name _____
Address _____
Telephone Number _____

- a. Who is responsible for enforcing any conservation easements or other restrictions on this property? (Code Sec. 48-59-70)

Name _____
Address _____
Telephone Number _____

IV. Adjoining landowners. Adjoining landowners must be notified of this grant request by statute. (Code Sec. 48-59-70). Please attach affidavit that all adjoining landowners have been notified.

V. The undersigned eligible trust fund recipient acknowledges that any grant from the SCCB will be subject to the provisions, terms and conditions of this entire Application and to the provisions of the South Carolina Conservation Bank Act, Code §48-59-10 et. seq.

Signature of Eligible Trust Fund Recipient (Applicant) _____
Date

For Office Use Only	
Received By:	_____
Application Number:	_____
Date:	_____

General Information: Section Two- To be filled out by the landowner.

1. Does this land contain property or interest in the property that has been down zoned within three years of the date of this application? (Code Sec. 48-59-70,O-1)

Yes No Not Applicable

2. Has the qualified entity or applicant seeking funding notified you in writing:
(S.C. Code Sec. 48-59-70, B-1, B-2)

a. That interests in land purchased with trust funds result in a permanent conveyance of such interests from the landowner to the eligible trust fund.

Yes No

b. That it may be in the landowner's best interests to retain independent legal counsel, appraisals, and other professional advice.

Yes No

3. Are there any existing liens, mortgages, or encumbrances that currently exist on this property?

Yes No

If so, please explain:

South Carolina Conservation Bank- Landowner Inspection Consent Agreement

4. The undersigned, as the landowner or landowner's agent agrees to allow inspection, and appraisal if necessary, of the interests in land that is the subject of this Application. I agree to allow authorized or designated agents or staff to inspect this property as may be required. Reasonable notice of inspection will be given.

5. The undersigned as the landowner or landowner's agent acknowledges that any grant from the SCCB will be subject to the provisions, terms and conditions of this entire Application and the provisions of the South Carolina Conservation Bank Act, Code §48-59-10 et. seq.

Signature of Landowner/Agent

Date

General Information: Section Three - To be filled out by the eligible trust fund recipient seeking funding (Applicant)

1. Organization Name/Contact _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Organization FEI number: _____

Please attach certification that this is a charitable not-for-profit corporation or trust authorized to do business in this state; whose principal activity is the acquisition and management of land for conservation or historic purposes and which has tax-exempt status as a public charity under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or Certification that the applicant is an otherwise qualified entity under the S.C. Conservation Bank Act. (Code Sec. 48-59-30, 4-c)

2. How will you be able to complete the project and acquire the interests in the proposed lands?
(Code Sec. 48-59-70, H-1)

3. How many total acres of lands or projects have you preserved in this state? (Code Sec. 48-59-70, H-2)

4. Briefly describe the lands your organization has preserved in this state, including their size, location and method of preservation. Note: this section need not be complied with for specific preserved lands if the privacy or proprietary interests of the owners of such preserved lands would be violated.
(Code Sec. 48-59-70, H-3)

5. Has the trust fund recipients notified the owner of the land that is the subject of the trust fund grant or loan of the following in writing? (Code Sec. 48-59-70, B-1, B-2)

a. That interests in land purchased with trust funds result in a permanent conveyance of such interests in land from the landowner to the eligible trust fund recipient or its assignees.

Yes

No

b. That it may be in the landowner's interest to retain independent legal counsel, appraisals and other professional advice.

Yes

No

Attach notarized copy. Note: Applications not having affirmation that the notice requirement of this section has been met will not be considered for funding requests.

6. Does the eligible trust recipient or the landowner have a general summarized land management plan for this proposal? Please attach. (Code Sec. 48-59-70, G1-8).

Note: A statement addressing these items is required prior to closing.

Yes

No

7. Explain how the eligible trust fund recipient intends to enforce the easement restrictions on this proposal. (Code Sec. 48-59-70, G-6, 7 and H). Attach additional sheet if necessary.

8. If the eligible trust fund recipient uses SCCB funding to acquire Fee Simple title to land, does it understand and agree that public access and use of the land must be permitted, subject to those rules and regulations that are consistent with the conservation purposes for which the land was acquired. (Code Sec. 48-59-80, K)

Yes

No

9. Does the eligible trust fund recipient understand and agree that trust funds provided by South Carolina Conservation Bank may only be used for the acquisition of the interests in land described in this application, including closing costs and not for management, planning, staffing, or any costs not associated with the purchase of interests in lands? (Code Sec. 48-59-110).

Yes

No

10. Does the eligible trust fund recipient have reasonable documentation to support this request? Please attach. The proposal will not be considered without adequate substantiation of estimated Fair Market Value **Note:** However, a qualified and competent appraisal establishing fair market value and/or the value of the proposed easement will subsequently be required prior to closing. (Code Sec.48-59-70,M)

Yes

No

11. What is the amount of support sought for this proposal? \$ _____

12. What is the total transaction value? \$ _____

13. Explain how this proposal will satisfy the criteria listed in Sections Four, Five, and Six of the ensuring pages. (Code Sec. 48-59-70, G) (Please attach a narrative of what your intended plans are and how you plan to accomplish them.)

14. Does the eligible trust fund recipient understand and agree to return to the SCCB any trust funds disbursed by the SCCB to the eligible trust fund recipient that are not spent, in accordance with this Application, within 60 days of the day SCCB disburses the trust funds to the Applicant?

Yes

No

15. Does the eligible trust fund recipient understand and agree that incident to acquiring the interest in land proposed to be acquired pursuant to this application, the eligible trust fund recipient will also purchase a title insurance policy acceptance to SCCB insuring the interests in land acquired and naming the SCCB as an additional insured? (Code Section 48-59-80(D))

Yes

No

16. Does the eligible trust fund recipient understand and agree to indemnify the SCCB against any loss suffered by the eligible trust fund recipient due to a defect in title to an interest in land acquired by the eligible trust fund recipient with SCCB trust funds, which indemnification obligation is or will be secured by the title insurance policy referenced to in paragraph 11 above? (Code Section 48-59-80(D)). (Note that if the SCCB funding is not the sole source of funding for the acquisition of interests in land by the eligible trust fund recipient, title insurance or indemnification proceeds will be shared in proportion to the cash SCCB trust funds provided for the acquisition of the interests in land and closing costs, as compared to the total cash funds provided from all sources for the acquisition of the interests in the land and closing costs.)

Yes

No

17. Does the eligible trust fund recipient understand and agree that funding of all approved applications is subject to the availability of funds to the SCCB ?

Yes

No

18. Does the eligible trust fund recipient understand and agree that in the event of the sale of any interests in land purchased in whole or in part with trust funds provided by the SCCB, whether as the result of condemnation or other sale, the proceeds from the sale must be paid in whole or in part to the SCCB? The sale proceeds will be credited to the SCCB in proportion to the cash consideration paid from SCCB trusts fund for the acquisition of the interests in land sold as compared to the total cash consideration paid for the acquisition of the interests in land (Code Sec. 48-59-80(H) and (L).

Yes

No

19. Does the Applicant understand and agree that any other eligible trust fund recipient to which the interests in land that are the subject of the Application might be transferred will acknowledge that the transferee receives the interests in land subject to the terms and conditions of this Application?

Yes

No

20. Does the Applicant understand and agree that amounts spent for acquisition of interests in land include only the actual purchase price of the interests in land, plus customary closing costs associated with a normal real estate transaction (e.g. title insurance, abstractor fees, recording fees and attorney's fees directly associated with the closing)?

Yes

No

Signature of Authorized Agent for Eligible Trust Fund Recipient (Applicant)

Notary Signature

My commission expires: _____

Section Four- Conservation Criteria
Code Section 48-59-70 Sec. C and D
Information to be considered in filling out the application

1. The extent to which the proposal conserves unique or important wildlife habitat.

Wildlife Habitat Values: The habitat potential of a parcel for all types of wildlife and fisheries species including those hunted and fished. For example parcel contains:

- excellent habitat or habitat potential for game species including black bear, white-tailed deer, wild turkey, waterfowl, bobwhite quail and others.
- excellent habitat or habitat potential for game fish including cold-water trout, black bass, sunfish and others.
- significant populations of resident species.
- good or excellent habitat or habitat potential for forest inhabiting birds.
- good or excellent habitat or habitat potential for significant populations of forest inhabiting mammals, reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates.
- areas for resting and feeding of migratory species.
- exhibits connective habitats, corridors, habitat linkages and areas that reduce biological isolation.
- other (Please attach description)

2. The extent that proposal conserves rare or endangered species.

Threatened and Endangered Species: The parcel contains populations or suitable habitats of rare, threatened or endangered species of fish, wildlife or plants. For example parcel contains:

- known occurrences of rare, threatened or endangered species of animals or plants.
- Parcel is within close proximity to a site with known occurrences of species of concern.
- habitats that are suitable for reoccupation of such species.
- habitats that often harbor such species.
- other (Please attach description)

3. The extent that the proposal conserves a relatively undisturbed or outstanding example of an ecosystem indigenous to South Carolina. For example parcel contains:

- Carolina Bay
- Spartina Marshlands
- other (Please attach description)

4. The extent the parcel conserves riparian habitats, wetlands, water quality, watersheds of significant ecological value, critical aquifer recharge areas, estuaries, bays or beaches.

Riparian and Hydrologic Values: The parcel contains wetlands that have ecological values including unique habitats, flood control, sediment filtration, and contaminant filtration. For example parcel:

- is situated on a river, stream or marine shore.
- has extensive river, stream or marine shoreline.
- includes the 100-year floodplain.

- includes a designated scenic river, stream or wetland.
- contains minimum 50-foot buffer of trees along shorelines as a sediment buffer.
- contains ecologically significant wetlands such as isolated bays, bogs, depression meadows and ponds.
- is adjacent to or near other protected wetlands
- includes the surface watershed or the ground water aquifer of a public water supply.
- other (Please attach description)

5. The extent the parcel has for conserving outstanding geologic features. For example parcel:

- contains mountains.
- contains significant rock formations/waterfalls.
- contains significant earth strata.
- contains limestone bluff
- other (Please attach description)

6. The extent to which the parcel conserves a site of unique historical or archeological significance.

Cultural and Historic Resources: The parcel contains known or likely sites of significant historic or cultural value. For example parcel:

- contains cultural resources such as a historic forest, mill site, or tar kiln.
- contains other historic or archeological resources such as Native American sites, historic structures or historic sites
- other (Please attach description)

7. The extent the parcel conserves an area of critical forestlands, farmlands, or wetlands.

For example parcel has:

- the soil productivity and natural vegetative community to produce high quality timber, pulpwood and other forest products.
- growing timber stock in place.
- diverse timber age and type.
- prime soils
- is agriculturally unique
- contains unique wetlands
- other (Please attach description)

8. The extent the parcel conserves an area of forestlands or farmlands which are located on prime soils, in microclimates or have strategic geographical significances.

The potential of a parcel to produce forest products including productivity, accessibility, vegetative community, standing timber, management history and location. For example parcel:

- has the soil productivity and natural vegetative community to produce high quality timber, pulpwood, forest and agricultural commodities.
- has growing timber stock in place.

- has diverse timber age and type.
- has growing crops in place.
- other (Please attach description)

9. The extent that the parcel conserves an area for public recreation, greenways, or parkland.

Public Recreation Potential: The potential of a parcel to provide the public with outdoor recreational potential including hunting, fishing, hiking, birding, horseback riding, wildlife observation, and other types of recreation. For example parcel has:

- externally accessible to the public by automobile and internally accessible by vehicle, foot, boat or bicycle. The public must be able to reach the tract by auto and transit the tract reasonably under most environmental conditions.
- the potential for hiking, cycling and horseback riding trails.
- potential water-based recreational value.
- unique habitat, geological formation, wildlife population or other special recreational attraction.
- potential for inclusion in the Wildlife Management Area Program.
- other (Please attach description)

10. The extent the parcel conserves a larger area or ecosystem already containing protected lands or as a connection between natural habitats or open space that are already protected. For example parcel:

- adjoins or is close to a state park.
- adjoins or is close to a state or federal forest or refuge.
- borders on other protected and managed lands.
- borders a scenic highway or river.
- other (Please attach description)

11. The extent that the parcel conserves a significant acreage. Parcel contains:

- less than 100 acres
- 100-500 acres
- 501-1000 acres
- 1001-5000 acres
- 5,001-10,000 acres
- over 10,000 acres

12. The extent the parcel presents a unique opportunity to accomplish one or more of the criteria in Items 1-11, where the same or similar opportunity is unlikely to present itself in the future. For example parcel:

- is in danger of conversion to non-traditional use within 10 years.
- is currently for sale on the open market
- may remain as is, but will become further subdivided within 10 years.
- is located where infrastructure extensions and improvements are imminent.
- may remain as is, but is in danger of non-sustainable management.
- other (Please attach description)

**Section Five-Financial Criteria
Code Section 48-59-70 Section E
Information to be considered in filling out the application**

1. How does the proposal present a unique value opportunity in that it protects land at a reasonable cost?

Parcel:

- is available at a low cost per acre.
 is available from a willing seller at a reasonable price.

2. How does the proposal leverage trust funds by including funding or in-kind assets or services from other governmental sources?

Have matching funds of any kind or services-in-kind been applied for; have any been received; in what amount or percentage of this proposal from any other governmental source?

Explain:

3. How does the proposal leverage trust funds by including funding or in-kind assets or services from private or non-profit sources, or charitable donations or land or conservation easements?

Have matching funds of any kind been applied for; have any been received; in what amount or percent of its proposal from private or non-profit sources?

Explain:

4. How does the proposal leverage trust funds by purchasing conservation easements that preserve land at a cost that is low, relative to the fair market value of the fee simple title of the land preserves?

Is the proposal a bargain sale? Yes No

Is the parcel available with matching funds donated by the current owner? Yes No

If so, in what amount/percent? _____

Explain:

5. Has any other conservation incentives and means of conservation such as donated, conservation easements or participation in other governmental programs have been explored, applied for, secured, or exhausted?

Explain:

Section Six- Public Access
Code Section 48-59-70 Section F
Information to be considered in filling out the application

1. To what extent does the proposal provide public access for hunting, fishing, outdoor recreational activities, and other forms of public access.

- No public access is proposed.
- Limited public access is proposed such as:

Hunting, fishing, canoeing, biking, hiking, bird watching, educational opportunities for scientific and biological research and habitat management, Youth Hunts, Handicapped Hunters, Make A Wish, and other outdoor activities.

- 1. Minimal access: Small groups or specific individuals with few allowed activities on few days
- 2. Moderate access: Small or medium sized groups with access many times per year with several activities allowed.
- 3. High access: General public access all year or many days with several activities allowed.
- 4. Very high access: General public access year round with many Activities allowed.

**South Carolina Conservation Bank Evaluation Criteria
(For Bank Board Use Only)**

Each proposal for funding under the South Carolina Conservation Bank Act will be evaluated, in part by using the following criteria. The total numerical score will not be the ultimate deciding factor but will serve as a tool used to prioritize proposal. Below is a list of the criteria and maximum points available.

Section A - Conservation Criteria - The value:

1. of the proposal for the conservation of unique or important wildlife habitat.

2. of the proposal for the conservation of any rare or endangered species

3. of the proposal for the conservation of a relatively undisturbed our understanding example of an ecosystem indigenous to South Carolina

4. of the proposal for the conservation of riparian habitats, wetlands, water quality, watersheds or significant ecological value, critical aquifer recharge areas, estuaries, bays or beaches

5. of the proposal for the conservation of outstanding geologic features

6. of the proposal for the conservation of a site of unique historical or archaeological significance

7. of the proposal for the conservation of an area of critical forestlands, farmlands or wetlands

8. of the proposal for the conservation of an area of forestlands or farmlands which are located on prime soils, in microclimates or have strategic geographical significances

9. of the proposal for the conservation of an area for public outdoor recreation, greenways, or parkland

10. of the proposal for the conservation of a larger area or ecosystem already containing protected lands, or as a connection between natural habitats or open space that area already protected

11. of the proposal for the amount of land protected

12. of the proposal for the unique opportunity it presents to accomplish one or more of the criteria contained in this subsection, where the same or a similar opportunity is unlikely to present itself in the future

Section B - Financial Criteria - The degree:

1. to which the proposal presents a unique value opportunity in that it protects land at a reasonable cost

2. to which the proposal leverages trust funds by including funding or in-kind assets or services from other governmental sources

3. to which the proposal leverages trust funds by including funding or in-kind assets or services from private or nonprofit sources, or charitable donations of land or conservation easements

4. to which the proposal leverages trust funds by purchasing conservation easements that preserve land at a cost that is low relative to the fair market value of the Fee Simple title of the land preserved

5. to which other conservation incentives and means of conservation, such as donated conservation easements or participation in other governmental programs, have been explored, applied for, secured or exhausted
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Section C - Public Access

To what extent does the proposal provide public access for hunting, fishing, outdoor recreational activities, and other forms of public access?

- No public access: None
- Minimal access: Small groups or specific individuals with few allowed activities on few days
- Moderate public access: Small or medium groups access many times/ year; several activities allowed.
- High access: General public access all year or many days a year ; several activities allowed.
- Very high access: General public access, year round, many activities allowed.

South Carolina Conservation Bank Evaluation Criteria Scoring

Parcel Name: _____

Owner: _____

County: _____ Acres: _____ Location: _____

Section I - Conservation	Weighting				
	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Score
	1	2	3	4	
Unique or important wildlife habitat					
Rare or endangered species					
Undisturbed or outstanding ecosystem					
Riparian habitats, et al					
Geologic features					
Historical/archeological					
Critical forests, farmlands, wetlands					
Prime soils					
Public outdoor recreation, greenways, park land					
Connection between protected lands					
Amount of land					
Unique opportunity					
TOTAL SECTION I					

Section II - Financial	Weighting					
	None	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Score
	0	1	2	3	4	
Unique value/reasonable cost						
Leverage other government sources						
Leverage from private sources						
Low cost to value received						
Other incentives						
TOTAL SECTION II						

Section III - Public Access	Weighting	Score
No public access	0	<input type="text"/>
Low public access	5	<input type="text"/>
General access, limited activities	10	<input type="text"/>
General access, many activities	15	<input type="text"/>
TOTAL SECTION III		<input type="text"/>

Total Conservation Benefit Index (CBI) _____

Comments: