Hudson River Watershed Alliance

Watershed Characterization Technical Assistance Application Form

To apply for this technical assistance opportunity, please email the completed PDDF application form and a PDF copy of all letters of support to Emily Vail, Hudson River Watershed Alliance, at emily@hudsonwatershed.org. Applications must be submitted by Wednesday, June 15 at 5 pm.

Additional information, including the Request for Applications, Letter of Support Template, and Scoring Sheet, can be found on Hudson River Watershed Alliance's website here.

Applicant Information:

Applicant (entity):

Contact person's name:

Contact person's title:

Contact person's email address:

Watershed Information:

This section determines the eligibility of the watershed.

Is this watershed located within the Hudson River estuary watershed, defined as the Hudson River Estuary Program's program area?

Yes   No

Watershed name:

HUC12 name, if different:

Size (in square miles):

(Watersheds must be the size of a HUC12, or smaller.)

Municipalities included in this watershed (including counties):

(Watersheds must include at least two local municipalities, in addition to the county or counties.)

Readiness/Timing:

This section will receive a maximum of 20 out of 70 total points.

What is the applicant's background and interest in watershed work? Explain how your organization/municipality is working on watershed protection, restoration, or management. (1,000 characters max)

How do you plan to use the watershed characterization process and report? How does this project fit into your larger goals for watershed management? Examples could include working towards a watershed plan, Climate Smart Communities, Natural Resource Inventory or other municipal plans, organizing a watershed group, etc. (1,000 characters max)

Are there any other watershed or municipal planning processes anticipated in 2022-2023 that this watershed characterization will coordinate with? (600 characters max)

How will this watershed characterization process and report build on previous planning work, if any? Provide a list and links to copies of previous plans, including watershed plans, intermunicipal agreements, Natural Resource Inventories, etc., if applicable. This watershed characterizations can be used to update outdated plans or build on existing work, but cannot be used to duplicate recent work. (1,200 characters max)

Are any municipalities within the watershed registered or certified Climate Smart Communities? List the names of municipalities and their status (registered, Bronze Certified, or Silver Certified).

Stakeholder Support:

This section will receive a maximum of 30 out of 70 total points.

Applications should demonstrate buy-in and commitment from key stakeholders. List proposed members of advisory committee and their affiliation or connection to watershed work.

This application should include letters of support from these stakeholders, demonstrating their support of the project and willingness/availability to serve on the advisory committee. A template letter of support is available here. Submit letters of support as a PDF.

What is your outreach plan to reach additional advisory committee members and engage the community in this process? Describe how you will work to support an inclusive and equitable planning process. (1,200 characters max)

Does the watershed area include any Potential Environmental Justice Areas? Please describe the area within the watershed, including the Census Block Group, Percentage Below Poverty Level, Percentage Minority Population, and Rural/Urban details from the DECinfo Locator. (600 characters max)

Template for Future Planning:

This section will receive a maximum of 20 out of 70 total points.

In a few paragraphs, describe your watershed. This could include geography, land use, population, water quality, current conditions, etc. (1,200 characters max)

What challenges is your watershed facing? Describe any priority issues. (1,500 characters max)

Does your watershed include Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s)? List any municipalities that include an MS4.

Does your watershed include wastewater facilities? List each treatment facilities' name, SPDES permit number, and receiving waterbody.

What existing local data are available to include in the watershed characterization? These may include academic studies, water quality monitoring, municipal plans, previous watershed plans, or other reports. This project will focus on compiling statewide and regionally available data, but can also include existing local data. List any additional sources of information available for the watershed that are not available on the Hudson Valley Natural Resource Mapper or DECInfo Locator. (1,200 characters max)

Other Watershed-Based Planning Needs:

This section is a survey of additional planning needs and will not be scored as part of this application.

Hudson River Watershed Alliance will be maintaining a list of watershed-based planning needs, in case additional opportunities arise. Which of the following, if any, would your watershed benefit from? Plans could be a new or an updated plan.

Watershed plan

Flood study

Stream management plan

Drinking water source protection plan

Road-stream crossing management plan

Action plan

Strategic plan

Other

Please describe your planning needs, and any additional context on your ability to meet them (applications for grant funding, pending projects, etc.) (1,200 characters max)