

Taunton River



Coalition

2010 Taunton River Watershed Mini-Grants: Grant Guidelines and Deadlines

The *Taunton River Watershed Mini-Grant Program* is your opportunity to further conservation in your own community. Grants between \$500 and \$3,000 are available to assist with the permanent protection of a significant parcel of land; greenway and open space planning; adoption of local conservation and land planning tools for municipalities; implementation of local programs that result in water resources protection; or other innovative grass-roots actions with a conservation focus. Our goal is to protect critical habitat and build public support for conservation within the Taunton River watershed.

The Taunton River Coalition supports a wide variety of initiatives, from keeping Open Space and Recreation Plans up to date, supporting votes to preserve open space, conservation land and/or watershed protection land, providing assistance to municipal purchases whenever possible, offering training opportunities for citizens, and working toward better zoning and land use planning in watershed communities.

Please review the grant guidelines on the following page. All grant requests must be received by email by Friday, March 12, 2010, then followed by a hard copy signed by two project contacts to the address provided in the instruction packet. Additional copies of the application can be found on the TRWA website.

Decisions will be announced in early April.

The Taunton River Coalition is a project of:

The Taunton River Watershed Alliance
Save The Bay-Narragansett Bay
The Nature Conservancy
Southeast Regional Planning & Economic Development District
The Wildlands Trust of Southeastern Massachusetts
The Environmental League of Massachusetts
Mass Audubon
The Trustees of Reservations
The Trust for Public Land
Jones River Watershed Association

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Watershed Mini-Grant Program 2010 Grant Application Guidelines

Selection Criteria:

1. Importance and extent of natural resources protection likely to result from the project.
2. Protection of BioMap or Living Waters core habitats, as designated by the Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program. Positively impacting resource areas identified in the Taunton River Wild & Scenic Stewardship Plan or other official plan, or significant resources at imminent risk of loss.
3. Likelihood of project success, including the demonstrated support of critical stakeholders.
4. Potential impact on public support for conservation.
5. Use of matching funds, municipal appropriations, and/or private donations are encouraged.

Types of Projects Eligible:

- Updates to municipal open space plans, provided there is a stated commitment to address regionally significant open space priorities identified by the Wild & Scenic Stewardship or other official plan.
- Concrete efforts toward municipal adoption of effective land use tools for conservation such as the Community Preservation Act, transfer of development rights, cluster zoning, etc. Support of at least one Town/City board willing to sponsor a bylaw must be demonstrated before such a grant will be offered. Local CPA ballot committees are eligible.
- Land Protection: Examples include organization of a campaign to raise acquisition funding; landowner assistance (for example: costs for an appraisal or survey) that will result in the permanent protection of a parcel of land; or greenway and/or open space planning.
- Water Quality Improvement/Protection, including restoration or permanent protection of riverfront and wetlands areas.
- Permanent protection of a priority resource identified in the Taunton River Wild & Scenic Stewardship Plan, or other official plan. Resources such as an archeological/historical, agricultural, or passive recreation site.
- Other innovative, concrete grass-roots actions that further the goals of the Taunton River Coalition.

Funding and Accountability:

- Awards generally will range from \$500-\$3,000; the total grant pool is \$18,000.
- Applicants must be a non-profit organization; a CPA ballot committee; or a municipal committee or Board. Special circumstances will be considered. Please call if your proposal is sponsored by a different type of organization.
- Projects should be completed in one year.
- Projects requiring additional sources of funding should provide information on how full funding will be secured.
- Your Contact Person will be accountable for the disbursement of funds. A Final Report (5 page maximum) is required at the end of the year highlighting use of funds and project successes /failures.
- Grantees are expected to help announce the project to local news media, through your newsletter and/or websites, and provide copies of any press coverage. Materials printed about the project must include a Taunton River Coalition logo and acknowledgment that partial funding was received from us.
- Previous Mini-Grant recipients may not apply until required paperwork from previous grants has been completed.

**Deadlines: Applications must be received by Friday, March 12, 2010.
Decisions will be announced in early April.**



2010 Watershed Mini-Grants
Application deadline:
Friday, March 12, 2010
director@savethetaunton.org
508- 828-1101

To Apply:

1. Review the program description.
2. If you have questions, call 1-508-828-1101.
Or contact us via email: director@savethetaunton.org
3. Complete the two-part Mini-Grant Application: the cover sheet on page 2 and the project narrative following the list on page 3.
4. Email your application no later than March 12, 2010 to:

director@savethetaunton.org

AND Print, sign and mail one hard copy to:

Taunton River Coalition
c/o Carolyn LaMarre,
Executive Director, TRWA
P.O. Box 1116, Taunton, MA 02780

5. Applications will be reviewed in late March and we expect grant awards will be made in early April.



**Part 1: 2010
Mini-Grant Application Cover Sheet**

Name of Organization/Sponsor: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

_____ Daytime Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Website: _____

Project Name: _____

Town(s) Involved: _____ Amount Requested: _____

Type of Project:

- Open Space & Recreation Plan for community of: _____
 - Community Preservation Act Ballot Campaign (Local matching contributions required.)
 - Other:
 - Land Protection (Examples include: organization of a community support campaign; landowner assistance for permanent land protection, greenway research or planning; specific costs such as appraisal or survey, etc. for a priority habitat area.)
 - Water Quality Improvement/Protection or Riverfront/Wetlands Restoration or Protection
 - Protect a priority resource identified in the Wild & Scenic Stewardship Plan, or other official plan (such as an archeological/historical; agricultural; or passive recreation site):
 - Municipal Planning Effort or By-Law Change, specifically: _____

- (Provide documentation of support by a lead municipal sponsor on a separate page)
- Other innovative grass-roots actions that further the above-stated goals of the Taunton River Watershed Coalition. (Describe in full in next section.)

Two signatures required:

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Part 2: Mini-Grant Application Narrative

[Save this form on your computer. Create a new file, enter your information in the new file, and save with your project name. Email the saved file to the Coalition at: director@savethetaunton.org. Two project contacts must then sign and mail us a hard copy with the signatures.]

In no more than 3 pages, please address the following questions:

1. Briefly describe the project:
What is the environmental need/problem being addressed?
What are your goals and objectives of the project and how do they address the need/problem identified?
2. Include a simple project timeline.
3. How will the Mini-Grant be used? Attach a simple one-page Project Budget
4. What other resources has your group secured for this project?
CPA Ballot Committees: please describe how your committee is raising local matching donations. We will match up to \$500 in local donations.
5. How will this project improve public awareness and respect for the environment?
6. Please tell us a little bit about the people involved in your group:
How many people are involved at the beginning, why you are interested in this project, and how you will recruit others to support your project.

Mail to:
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