



Guidelines for Selecting The Right Project Site



The Anne Arundel County Government and the Chesapeake Bay Trust announce a grant program to support watershed restoration projects and programs throughout Anne Arundel County.

When thinking about watershed restoration, selecting the right project for the right site is vital for both implementation and long-term restoration success. As you review the Anne Arundel County Watershed Restoration RFP and explore opportunities to make a difference in your watershed, please use the table below to evaluate your project site.

Circle the parameters below that apply to your proposed project site:

Easy Sites	Complicated Sites	Poor Sites
Single Landowner	Multiple Landowners - each landowner must sign a grading permit application and every design revision submittal	Multiple landowners with at least some landowners who are likely to oppose the project.
Complete support from Landowner to enter full maintenance agreement with Anne Arundel County DPW	Moderate support from Landowner to enter full maintenance agreement with Anne Arundel County DPW	No support from Landowner to enter maintenance agreement with Anne Arundel County DPW
Sufficient site access/site access (Example: away from buildings and infrastructure and site accessible for construction equipment)	Adjacent to existing infrastructure (Example: certain utilities, buildings, other private structures)	Adjacent to existing infrastructure and little room for site access
Fairly Gentle Slopes (<8%)	Steep slopes (8% to 15%)	Very steep slopes (>15%)**
Not in Right of Way and No Utilities	Small portion in Right of Way with no utilities present	In Right of Way and/or existing utilities present
No threat to downstream infrastructure	Downstream infrastructure concerns	Increased flood or hazard risk to downstream infrastructure.
Not in wetlands, streams, nor forests	In existing streams/wetlands and/or existing forest and/or critical area*	Healthy wetlands near project

*Projects with these parameters should account for extra discretionary funds to cover fees/bonds associated with any permits that may be required by local/ state/ federal governments.

**Projects on very steep slopes may be possible if a certified professional engineer (P.E.) has reviewed and stamped the proposed plans.

Projects that will be the most competitive in this grant program will have all or most of the parameters in the 'Easy Sites' column. Projects where any of the parameters fall in the 'Poor Site' column projects will not be competitive in this grant program. However, projects where some of the parameters fall in the 'Complicated Sites' column may be competitive if the project team has included knowledgeable partners with successful experience leading complex water quality projects. In addition to lending insight to the project, an experienced partner who donates his or her expertise is a welcomed source of in-kind match funding.

Choosing the right project on the right site with the right partnerships is essential to ensuring the success of a watershed restoration project funded through this grant. Potential applicants are encouraged to contact the Chesapeake Bay Trust or Anne Arundel County Watershed Protection and Restoration Program staff to discuss potential project sites.