

Updates on meetings, funding
opportunities and science
needs



Upcoming Events

- Increasing Coastal Resilience [Webinar](#) (Delaware Living Shorelines Committee) – September 14, 2022. Virtual.
- [2022 Potomac River Conference](#): A Conversation on PFAS – September 22, 2022. Virtual/in person hybrid.
- [Chesapeake Watershed Forum](#) - November 4-6, 2022. Shepherdstown, WV. Session proposals due June 3, 2022.
- [Coastal and Estuarine Summit](#) – December 4-8, 2022. New Orleans, LA.
- [A Community on Ecosystem Services](#) - December 12-15, 2022. Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area.
- National Water Quality Monitoring Council's 13th [National Monitoring Conference](#) - - April 24-28, 2023. Location TBD

The image shows the front cover of a guide. The background is a photograph of a calm lake with a dense forest of evergreen trees on the far shore under a blue sky with some clouds. The title 'ADVANCING WATERSHED PROTECTION THROUGH LAND CONSERVATION' is printed in large, white, sans-serif capital letters in the upper half. Below the title, there is a solid blue horizontal bar. Underneath this bar, the subtitle 'A Guide for Land Trusts' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

ADVANCING WATERSHED PROTECTION THROUGH LAND CONSERVATION

A Guide for Land Trusts

Resource Guide

Resource guide that is intended to **serve as a starting point for land trust staff** unfamiliar with the Clean Water Act and EPA programs but are interested in integrating water quality protection in their efforts to conserve and steward lands and conduct community outreach.

Funding Opportunities

Achieving Conservation through Targeting Information, Outreach and Networking (ACTION)

The [Foundation for Food & Agriculture Research](#) (FFAR) and the [Walton Family Foundation](#) announced a new program, **ACTION to support innovative research that increases adoption of conservation practices.**

Conservation practices include infield, edge-of-field, and edge-of-stream practices that retain and filter runoff and shallow groundwater.

- Anticipate awarding grants ranging from \$200,000 to \$500,000 for a total of approximately \$1 million to compare and optimize outreach strategies.
- Projects that support the [Edge of Field Roadmap](#) and commit to implementing conservation practices through a partnership with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation will be prioritized.
- As the Walton Family Foundation provided matching funds for this program, applicants are not required to secure a match; however, securing additional funds that FFAR can match is encouraged.
- Pre-applications for this **opportunity are due on August 31, 2022**. More information, including details on how to apply, is available on the [ACTION program RFA webpage](#).

Transformational Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience Grants

\$85 million in funding is available for transformational habitat restoration and coastal resilience projects in FY2022 under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act)

This funding will support transformational projects that restore habitat for our nation's fisheries and protected resources, while also strengthening the resilience of coastal communities and ecosystems.

habitat-based approaches that strengthen both ecosystem and community resilience.

Projects selected through this opportunity will help:

- Restore marine, estuarine, coastal, and Great Lakes ecosystems
- Rebuild sustainable fisheries and contribute to the recovery of threatened and endangered species
- Protect the safety and well-being of coastal communities by using natural infrastructure to reduce damage from flooding and storms
- Support the many benefits that healthy habitats provide, such as clean drinking water and industries like boating, fishing, and tourism

NOAA will accept proposals between \$1 million and \$15 million total over the award period. The application deadline is September 6, 2022.

Please review our Resources for [NOAA Restoration Center Grant Applicant Webpage](#) for assistance on preparing grant materials.

Coastal Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Underserved Communities

NOAA's FY2022 Coastal Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Underserved Communities Notice of Funding Opportunity.

NOAA will engage underserved communities in habitat restoration activities that promote resilient ecosystems and communities. **This funding will provide capacity for these communities to more fully participate in developing future transformational habitat projects.** Projects selected through this opportunity may include:

- Capacity building activities, resilience planning, project planning and feasibility studies, stakeholder engagement, and proposal development for future funding.
- Restoration activities, including demonstration projects, engineering and design, permitting, and on-the-ground implementation.
- NOAA will accept proposals between \$75,000 to \$1 million total over the award period. The application deadline is September 30, 2022. (Up to \$10 million total)

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