

Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant Program | Sample Support Letter

Letters of support should be included with the applicant's grant application. Please do not send them directly to the Endowment.

Date

Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant Program
U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities

Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of the State Forestry Division and the Moorefish Coalition, we offer our support for the proposal to protect the Greater Herringbone watershed submitted by Midlands Land Trust.

The Midland Land Trust is a key member of a coalition working collaboratively to design and implement watershed restoration and protection projects. Their proposal to the Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant Program will advance our watershed protection plan by identifying those lands that are most important to conserve water quality, drinking water sources, and wildlife habitat.

Our agency/organization plans to make use of the outcomes from this project by providing funds for conservation easements to private landowners who voluntarily agree to restrict development of the areas identified in this proposed watershed project. Identifying these lands will also allow other partners to establish programs to monitor water quality and wildlife habitat benefits that may result from protection efforts.

The Midlands Land Trust is well-suited to conduct this work. We are familiar with their past projects. They have had staff working in the field for many years, and are well-acquainted with the landscape and the landowners. They also have modelling and mapping expertise on staff. In addition, they have a cooperative agreement with a local university that can provide additional modelling and mapping support.

We believe that this project will also benefit our coalition by allowing us to identify long-term protection needs and resulting budgets for the watershed. This should enhance our ability to seek other sources of funding from both the public and private sectors for watershed protection.

Thank you for considering this request from the Midlands Land Trust, and please don't hesitate to contact me if we may provide additional information on activities in our watershed.