



# 2018 Application for Section 205(j) Water Quality Planning Grant

Division of Water Resources  
North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality

| <b>1. Basic Information</b>   |   |                          |                          |
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| <b>Project Title:</b>   | <b>Mapping Stormwater Infrastructure in the Town of Bridgeton, NC</b> |                          |                          |
| <b>Project start date:</b>  | <b>February 15, 2019</b>  | <b>Project end date:</b> | <b>December 31, 2019</b> |
| <b>Project Abstract:</b>  |   |                          |                          |
| <p>Stormwater infrastructure systems serve as an integral part of developed areas to control flooding, erosion, and water quality. The Eastern Carolina Council of Governments (ECC) proposes to partner with the Town of Bridgeton, located in Craven County along the Neuse River, to map all the Town's existing stormwater infrastructure (i.e., culverts, pipes, outfalls, area drains, catch basins, dry ponds, wet ponds, and ditches) and educate the citizens and elected officials of the Town on stormwater infrastructure maintenance.</p> <p>The goals of this project are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Help the Town better manage stormwater runoff for the purposes of flood control, sediment and erosion control, and water quality;</li> <li>2) Help improve the water quality of the Neuse River; and</li> <li>3) Educate the Town about how to properly maintain this infrastructure and why it is important.</li> </ol> <p>The proposed project will involve mapping all the stormwater infrastructure in the Town of Bridgeton using a GPS unit and ArcGIS. The Town will be given a poster of the Town's mapped stormwater infrastructure system and a set of field maps that will be useful for daily maintenance and flood events. The poster map will also include instructions on how to maintain each feature and show photograph examples in the Town of each feature in good and poor condition. While the infrastructure is being mapped with a GPS unit, the status (open, partial, or blocked) and condition (good, fair, or poor) of each infrastructure feature will be noted. This information will be used to create a poster map and field maps for the Town showing the status and the condition of each infrastructure feature. These maps will clearly identify areas of maintenance and/or repair need of stormwater infrastructure for the Town and will be presented to the Town and the public. In addition, educational brochures will be developed with information on stormwater pollution and ways that residents can reduce flooding and the quantity of stormwater entering the Neuse River. Lastly, the proposed project will help the Town of Bridgeton better manage stormwater runoff, water quality issues, and flooding/drainage issues associated with new development.</p> |   |                          |                          |
| <b>205(j) Grant Funds Requested</b>   |   | <b>\$7753</b>            |                          |
| <b>Match (optional, recommended)</b>  |   | <b>\$0</b>               |                          |
| <b>Total Project Cost</b>   |   | <b>\$7753</b>            |                          |



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| <b>2a. Primary Contact or Project Manager:</b><br><i>A one-page Statement of Qualifications must be provided in Section 4 of the application form to confirm that anyone designing, installing, or monitoring the proposed project is qualified to do so.</i> |  |                |               |            |            |
| <b>Name</b>   | Chad Davis   |                |               |            |            |
| <b>Title</b>  | Community Planner                                      |                |               |            |            |
| <b>Organization Name</b>  | Eastern Carolina Council                               |                |               |            |            |
| <b>Mailing Address</b>  | P.O. Box 1717  |                |               |            |            |
| <b>City</b>   | New Bern   | <b>State</b>   | NC            | <b>ZIP</b> | 28563-1717 |
| <b>Email Address</b>  | <a href="mailto:cdavis@eccog.org">cdavis@eccog.org</a> |                |               |            |            |
| <b>Telephone</b>  | (252)638-3185 -x3018                                   | <b>FAX No.</b> | (252)638-3187 |            |            |

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| <b>2b. Administrative Address:</b><br><i>Address where contract will be mailed for signature.</i> |  |                |               |            |            |
| <b>Name</b>   | Matt Livingston  |                |               |            |            |
| <b>Title</b>  | Executive Director   |                |               |            |            |
| <b>Organization Name</b>  | Eastern Carolina Council   |                |               |            |            |
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| <b>Email Address</b>  | <a href="mailto:mlivingston@eccog.org">mlivingston@eccog.org</a> |                |               |            |            |
| <b>Telephone</b>  | (252)638-3185 x3005  | <b>FAX No.</b> | (252)638-3187 |            |            |
| <b>Federal Tax ID Number</b>  | 56-0904407   |                |               |            |            |

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| <b>2c. Payment Address:</b><br><i>Address where invoice payments will be mailed.</i> |  |                |               |            |            |
| <b>Name</b>  | Jenny Miller   |                |               |            |            |
| <b>Title</b>   | Finance Director   |                |               |            |            |
| <b>Organization Name</b>   | Eastern Carolina Council                                 |                |               |            |            |
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| <b>Telephone</b>   | (252)638-3185 x3028                                      | <b>FAX No.</b> | (252)638-3187 |            |            |

**3. Statement of Qualifications for project manager and primary partners**

*Please include qualifications of people, not organizations. Do not copy and paste entire CVs. Briefly describe relevant experience, noting any relevant 205(j) grant funded projects.*

**Chad Davis, AICP, Community Planner**

Mr. Davis has an extensive background in planning and environmental management. Mr. Davis began his career as an environmental specialist for the State of Tennessee and transitioned to a career in planning. Throughout his planning career, Chad has dealt with numerous water quality and other environmental issues around the Appalachian Mountains in East Tennessee. Chad has a BA in Environmental Studies from Maryville College and an MPA from Tennessee State University. Mr. Davis is currently working on the development of the 9-element Watershed Restoration Plan for the Town of Pine Knoll Shores (FY 2017) and serves as project lead for Hurricane Matthew Recovery projects for the Town of Seven Springs and Town of La Grange. He also worked on 205(j) projects for the Town of Newport (FY 2016) and the Town of Beaufort (FY 2016).

**Samantha Burdick, Community Planner**

Ms. Burdick has an academic and professional background in coastal resource management. After receiving her BS in Biology, Samantha graduated from Duke University with a Master of Environmental Management degree focusing in coastal environmental management. Through coursework and various employment and volunteer positions, Samantha has gained expertise in the fields of coastal science, policy, management, restoration, and Geographic Information Systems analysis (GIS). She has also been involved in several education and outreach initiatives as a global ambassador for the nonprofit Plastic Ocean Project and an outreach coordinator for the Duke University Community Science Initiative. Samantha is currently working on the development of the 9-element Watershed Restoration Plan for the Town of Pine Knoll Shores (FY 2017), Hurricane Matthew Recovery projects for the Town of Seven Springs and Town of La Grange and sits on the Town of Beaufort Stormwater Advisory Committee.

**4. Project Partner Information:**

*If further space is needed to adequately describe partners' role/contribution to project, please include in the Statement of Qualifications section.*

|                              |     |           |  |
|------------------------------|-----|-----------|--|
| Agency Name                  | N/A |           |  |
| Agency Address               |     |           |  |
| Role/contribution to Project |     |           |  |
| Contact Person               |     | Phone No. |  |
| E-mail address               |     |           |  |
| Agency Name                  |     |           |  |
| Agency Address               |     |           |  |
| Role/contribution to Project |     |           |  |
| Contact Person               |     | Phone No. |  |

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|-------------------------------------|--|------------------|--|
| <i>E-mail address</i>               |  |                  |  |
| <i>Agency Name</i>                  |  |                  |  |
| <i>Agency Address</i>               |  |                  |  |
| <i>Role/contribution to Project</i> |  |                  |  |
| <i>Contact Person</i>               |  | <i>Phone No.</i> |  |
| <i>E-mail address</i>               |  |                  |  |
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| <i>Agency Address</i>               |  |                  |  |
| <i>Role/contribution to Project</i> |  |                  |  |
| <i>Contact Person</i>               |  | <i>Phone No.</i> |  |
| <i>E-mail address</i>               |  |                  |  |

| <b>5. General Goal of the Project (per the Clean Water Act Section 604(b)/205(j) grant purpose)</b>                                   |   |   |  |
|---|---|---|--|
| Identify most cost effective and locally acceptable facility and nonpoint source measure to meet and maintain water quality standards | Develop implementation plan to obtain state and local financial and regulatory commitments to implement measures identified | Determine the nature, extent, and cause of water quality problems in various areas of the state | Other—please specify water quality planning purpose                                      |
| X   |   | X   | Create an inventory (including location and condition) of all stormwater infrastructure. |

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| <b>6. Project Area</b>   |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| Results Site-Specific, Regional, or Statewide?   | Results will be site-specific. The proposed project is for the area inside the town limits of Bridgeton.  |   |
| River Basin  | Neuse River Basin   |   |
| Need identified in Basin Plan? (Y/N; note plan name, date, pg#)  | Y; The need for more effective stormwater management is outlined on page 359 of the Neuse River Basinwide Water Quality Plan (2009).<br>Y; The need for public education is outlined on page 50 of the Neuse River Basinwide Water Quality Plan (2009). |   |
| Watershed name   | Lower Neuse River Subbasin (03020204)   |   |
| Watershed size   | 1582.78 square miles  |   |
| <b>(For site-specific projects only)</b> 12 digit USGS HUC(s)  | 030202040401, 030202040404, 030202040402  |   |
| <b>7. Project Milestone Schedule</b>   |   |   |
| <i>If anticipating starting project in second quarter, can leave first quarter blank. Please note anticipated dollar amount, percent of grant spent that quarter, and cumulative percent of grant spent for project. Quarterly invoices will only be reimbursed up to percent indicated. Unused funds will carry forward to next quarter. Note that 10% of grant will be held until receipt of Final Project Report.</i> |   |   |
| Quarter  | Activities or outputs to be accomplished  | Anticipated \$ amount / % of funding spent / cumulative % spent |
| First Quarter<br>Jan-Mar 2019  | Initial meeting with Town staff to gather relevant background information and establish goals; presentation to Town Council to introduce project; begin stormwater infrastructure GPS data collection   | \$630.50/ 8.13 % / cumulative 8.13%                             |
| Second Quarter<br>Apr-June 2019  | GPS data collection and GIS processing  | \$3876.50 /50%/58.13%   |
| Third Quarter<br>Aug-Jul - Sept 2019   | Finalizing GIS poster map and map book, development and printing of brochures for public outreach   | \$1623.00 /20.93%/ 79.06%                                       |
| Fourth Quarter<br>Oct - Dec 2019   | Final report for Town, presentation to Town Council and the public  | \$1623.00 /20.93%/ 100%   |
| Fifth Quarter<br>Jan - Mar 2020  | NA  |   |
| Sixth Quarter<br>Apr - Jun 2020  | NA  |   |

8. Map of project area: Please copy map into document as a small image file.

Project Area: Bridgeton, North Carolina



-  Town Boundary
-  12-digit HUC
-  Parcels



0 0.25 0.5 1 Mile

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## **9. Detailed description of the project**

*(Note: if developing a Watershed Restoration Plan, please also complete section 16)*

### **Introduction and Goals:**

Stormwater infrastructure mapping is necessary for maintaining flood control, sediment and erosion control, and good water quality. ECC is requesting 205(j) funding to map the stormwater infrastructure of the Town of Bridgeton located on the lower Neuse River. Stormwater pollution is a significant issue in this watershed, resulting in high nutrient and bacterial contamination, often resulting in eutrophication, harmful algal blooms, low dissolved oxygen, fish kills, and shellfish closures in the Neuse River. The information gathered from this project will be used for the improvement of Bridgeton's stormwater system and will be incorporated into future stormwater management plans related to water quality, flooding, sediment, and erosion control. According to the Craven County CAMA Core Land Use Plan,

“Craven County recognizes the value of water quality maintenance to the protection of fragile areas and to the provision of clean water for recreational purposes and supports the control of stormwater runoff to aid in the preservation of water quality.”

The goals of this project are to:

- 1) Help the Town better manage stormwater runoff for the purposes of flood control, sediment and erosion control, and water quality;
- 2) Help improve the water quality of the Neuse River; and
- 3) Educate the Town on how to properly maintain this infrastructure and why it is important.

### **Background and Need for the Project:**

Stormwater runoff is the primary source of impairment to the surface waters of the Neuse River Basin. The Neuse River is the longest river in North Carolina and is historically characterized by areas of impairment due to shellfish closures and chlorophyll-a and pH standard violations. These impairments are a result of point and non-point source pollution, including stormwater runoff. Stormwater conveys pollutants into the Neuse River, including nutrients, bacteria, toxic substances (e.g. pesticides, herbicides, heavy metals), organic matter, and plastic and other debris which pose environmental and human health risks. The presence of high nutrient levels in the system often leads to the outbreak of algal blooms. These algal blooms can deplete the water of dissolved oxygen and release harmful toxins, resulting in fish kills and human health risks through consumption of contaminated fish and direct contact. The occurrence of these algal blooms and fish kills led to the classification of the lower Neuse River Estuary as Nutrient Sensitive Waters (NSW). Bacterial contamination of the Neuse is also a significant issue and often results in shellfish closures. Heavy metals like lead can also contaminate the waterway resulting in potential human health risks and negative impacts on the aquatic ecosystem. According to the Craven County Core Land Use Plan, all waters in the area are considered impaired for fish consumption because of toxic substance pollution. Additionally, plastic pollution can harm wildlife, create boating safety hazards, and affect fishing and tourism.

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Mapping stormwater infrastructure is necessary to properly address the risks associated with stormwater pollution and flooding. Improving the efficacy of stormwater infrastructure first requires a comprehensive inventory of the location, status, and condition of infrastructure features in an area. The maps created from this study will help the Town of Bridgeton in the management of its stormwater system and reduction of stormwater pollution of the Neuse River. This information may also be used for establishing stormwater BMPs in the area to enhance the treatment of stormwater, prevent flooding, and minimize human health and environmental impacts.

Municipal stormwater infrastructure is not always sufficient for alleviating flooding and reducing the volume of stormwater entering a nearby waterway. Residents can make a tremendous impact by taking steps to reduce stormwater volume on their property. This project aims to provide educational information for Bridgeton residents on how to accomplish reductions in stormwater volume and why proper stormwater management is important.

Lastly, the proposed project will help the Town of Bridgeton better manage future additional stormwater runoff, water quality issues, and flooding/drainage issues associated with new development. New development often results in the addition of impervious surfaces (e.g., paved streets, parking lots, rooftops, and driveways), increasing the volume of stormwater and risks to water quality in the area.

## **Objectives and Products:**

Objective 1: Create GIS maps that identify the Town's existing stormwater infrastructure.

Fieldwork will include using mapping grade GPS units to record the latitude/longitude and attribute data for all infrastructure features. Digital photographs will also be collected where appropriate and joined to their corresponding GIS features. Any instances of illicit discharges will be noted, photographed, and stored in separate GIS layers. Hard copy maps that identify each GIS layer will be provided to the town staff for ground-truthing. Any needed corrections will be identified and ECC staff will make the necessary changes to the GIS layers. A poster map of the infrastructure with visual representations and descriptions of various stormwater system features will be created and provided to the Town. In addition, a set of field maps of the stormwater system will be created that will be useful for daily maintenance and flood events.

*Product 1:* Copies of a poster map of Bridgeton's stormwater infrastructure.

*Product 2:* A set of field maps of the stormwater system.

Objective 2: Create GIS maps that highlight failing or insufficient stormwater infrastructure.

While the infrastructure is being mapped with a GPS unit, the status (open, partial, or blocked) and condition (good, fair, or poor) of each infrastructure feature will be noted to identify problem areas in the system. An additional map showing the status and the condition of each infrastructure feature will be made. This map will clearly identify areas of maintenance and/or repair need of the Town's stormwater infrastructure and will be used to more effectively manage stormwater in Bridgeton. This map illustrating stormwater system problem areas will also be used to seek funding in the future to

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address the issues identified. Additionally, a set of field maps will be created that will be useful for daily maintenance and flood events.

*Product 3:* Copies of a poster map illustrating the status and condition of stormwater infrastructure in Bridgeton.

*Product 4:* A set of field maps of the problem areas in the stormwater system.

Objective 3: Educate the community about the relationship between stormwater and water quality and the ways they can help manage stormwater.

The poster map of Bridgeton's stormwater infrastructure will be used to discuss stormwater and drainage issues, concerns and water quality at either a public Town hall meeting or other community event. An educational brochure will also be created, which will include information on stormwater pollution and ways that residents can reduce flooding and the quantity of stormwater entering the Neuse River. Approximately 500 copies will be printed and given to the Town for distribution to its residents. The remaining brochures will be available at the public Town hall meeting or community event and will be distributed through Town hall for future use. A pdf copy of the brochure will be provided to the Town to be posted on their website.

*Product 5:* Brochures for Bridgeton residents including information on stormwater pollution and ways that residents can reduce flooding and the quantity of stormwater entering the Neuse River.

*Product 6:* Facilitation of a town hall meeting or other community event to engage with residents of Bridgeton and discuss stormwater and drainage issues in the town.

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## **10a. Related Projects in the Watershed**

Please note any other water quality or conservation projects in the same watershed that contribute to the same goals as the proposed project. These could be own or partners' related water quality planning or implementation projects. If few or none, note how this project will fill a need.

The Eastern Carolina Council has completed or is currently working on the following projects:

- 1) Town of Seven Springs Stormwater Infrastructure Mapping (FY2018)
- 2) Town of La Grange Stormwater Infrastructure Mapping (FY2018)
- 3) Town of Newport Stormwater Infrastructure Mapping (FY2016/2017)
- 4) Town of Oriental Stormwater Infrastructure Mapping (FY2011)
- 5) Town of River Bend Stormwater Infrastructure Mapping (FY2009)

## **10b. Relevance to Proposed Project (if applicable)**

Help reviewers understand local capacity:

- How might these projects might benefit or complement the proposed project?
- When were they completed?
- Who implemented/maintains them?

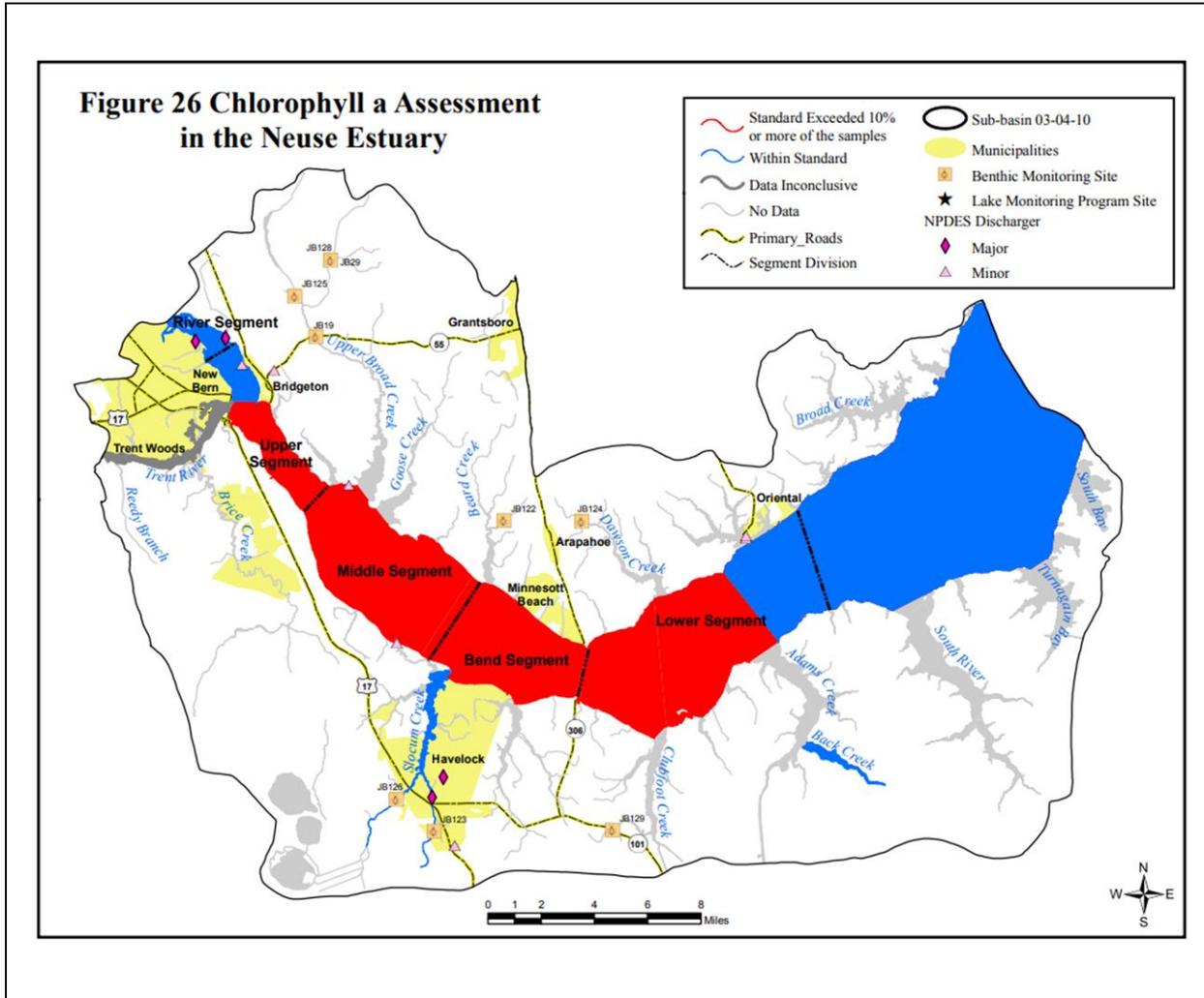
All these projects have the same objectives, which are to map stormwater infrastructure systems and identify problem areas for better stormwater management. These projects complement the proposed project for the Town of Bridgeton by providing geospatial data for stormwater infrastructure of developed areas throughout the Lower Neuse River. Each town is responsible for repairing and maintaining their stormwater infrastructure. See above for dates of each project.

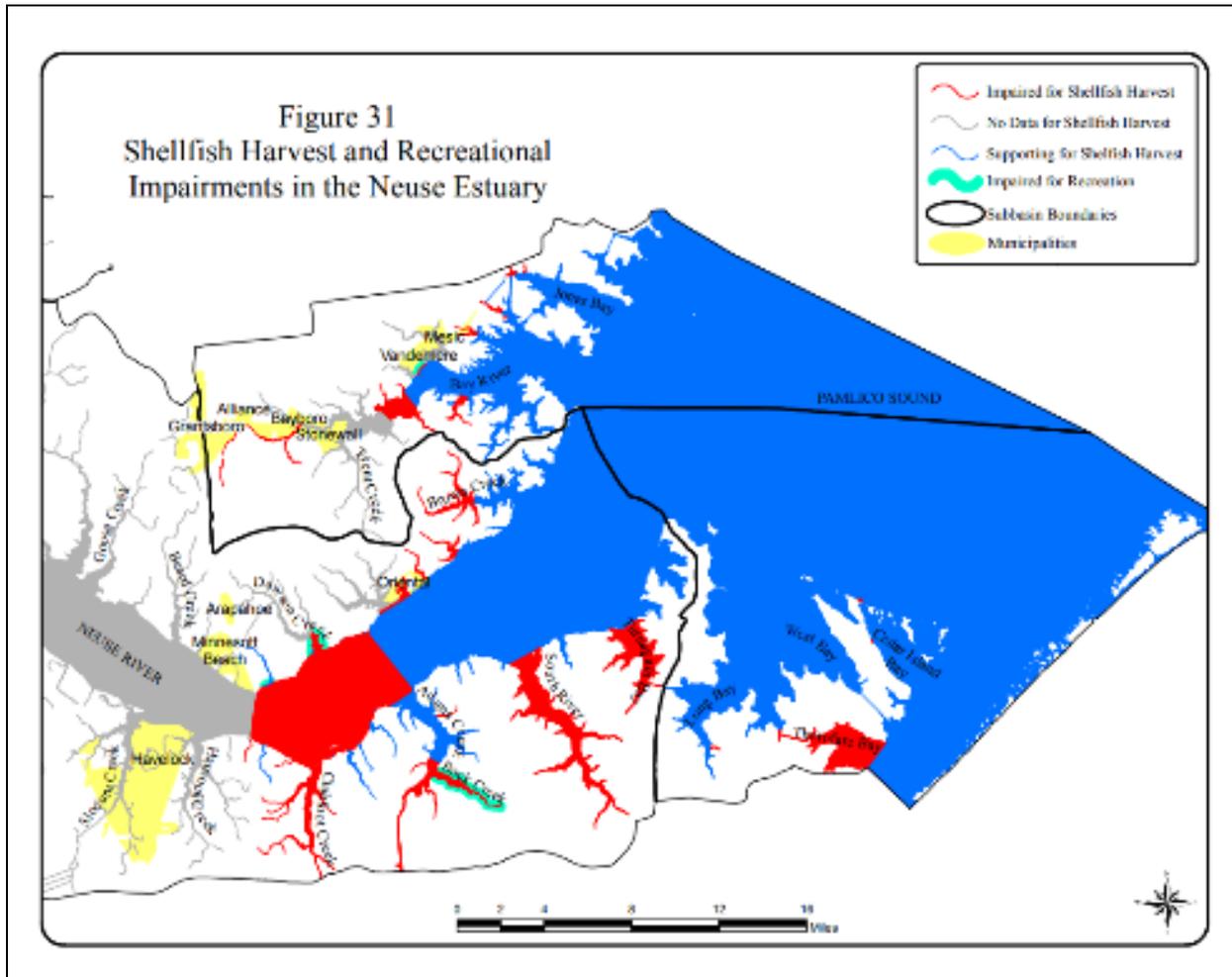
## **11. What funding sources exist to implement the results of the project?**

205(j) Water Quality Management Planning Grant, EPA Section 319 Nonpoint Source Grant Program, Community Development Block Grant, Clean Water Management Trust Fund



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| <b>13. Funding Requested</b>   |                |               |  |               |  |
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| <i>Note: If a significant portion of funding is in contractual line, please break down contractual line items in section 15.</i> |                |               |  |               |  |
| Budget Categories<br>(itemize all categories)  | Section 205(j) |               | Non-Federal Match<br>(recommended, but not required) | Total         | Justification<br>(Include explanation for each budget line item)   |
|  | Year 1         | Year 2        |  |               |  |
| Personnel/Salary   | \$2867         | \$1911        | \$0  | \$4778        | Project management, reporting, data collection and mapping, water quality data analysis, brochure development, meetings, and presentations |
| Fringe Benefits  | \$1120         | \$746         | \$0  | \$1866        | According to individual rates (FICA, Retirement, 401k, unemployment, life insurances, ADD, Disability, medical, and dental)                |
| Supplies   | \$20           | \$80          | \$0  | \$100         | For meetings, copies, and materials  |
| Equipment  | \$0            | \$0           | \$0  | \$0           |  |
| Travel   | \$40           | \$14          | \$0  | \$54          | To/from project sites for fieldwork, consultations, and presentations  |
| Contractual  | \$0            | \$0           | \$0  | \$0           |  |
| Other  | \$50           | \$200         | \$0  | \$250         | Printing of brochures for all residents and extra copies for town hall, advertisement of public meetings                                   |
| <b>Total Direct</b>  | <b>\$4097</b>  | <b>\$2951</b> | <b>\$0</b>   | <b>\$7048</b> |  |
| Indirect (max. 10% of direct costs, per 40 CFR 35.268)   | \$410          | \$295         | \$0  | \$705         | Per allowed by grant   |
| <b>Annual Totals</b>   | <b>\$4507</b>  | <b>\$3246</b> | <b>\$0</b>   | <b>\$7753</b> |  |
| <b>Grand Total</b>   | <b>\$7753</b>  |               |  |               |  |
| <b>% of Total Budget</b>   | 100%           |               | 0%   | 100%          |  |

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| <b>14. Match summary (if applicable—recommended, but not required)</b> |     |
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| Total Match amount   | \$0 |
| Cash Match   | \$0 |
| Source(s):   |     |
| In-kind Match  | \$  |
| Source(s):   |     |

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| <b>15. Contractual budget – IF APPLICABLE</b>   |                |        |  |       |  |
|---|----------------|--------|--|-------|--|
| <i>If a significant portion of funding is in contractual line, please break down contractual line items here.</i> |                |        |  |       |  |
| Budget Categories<br>(itemize all categories)   | Section 205(j) |        | Non-Federal Match<br>(recommended, but not required) | Total | Justification<br>(Include explanation for each budget line item) |
|   | Year 1         | Year 2 |  |       |  |
| Personnel/Salary  |                |        |  |       |  |
| Fringe Benefits   |                |        |  |       |  |
| Supplies  |                |        |  |       |  |
| Equipment   |                |        |  |       |  |
| Travel  |                |        |  |       |  |
| Contractual   |                |        |  |       |  |
| Other   |                |        |  |       |  |
| <b>Total Direct</b>   |                |        |  |       |  |
| Indirect (max. 10% of direct costs, per 40 CFR 35.268)  |                |        |  |       |  |
| <b>Annual Totals</b>  |                |        |  |       |  |
| <b>Grand Total</b>  |                |        |  |       |  |
| <b>% of Total Budget</b>  | %              |        | %  | 100%  |  |

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| <b>16. (Only for applicants developing a 9-Element Watershed Restoration Plan)</b><br><b>Please indicate below what sources you will use to find or develop the information necessary to meet EPA's 9 Key Elements.</b> |  |
| 1   | An <b>identification of the causes and sources</b> or groups of similar sources that will need to be controlled to achieve the load reductions estimated in the watershed                          |
|   |  |
| 2   | A <b>description of the NPS management measures</b> that will need to be implemented to achieve load reductions as well as to achieve other watershed goals identified in the watershed based plan |
|   |  |
| 3   | An <b>estimate of the load reductions</b> expected for the management measures   |
|   |  |
| 4   | An <b>estimate of the amount of technical and financial assistance needed</b> associated costs and or sources and authorities that will be relied upon, to implement the plan                      |
|   |  |
| 5   | An <b>information/education component</b> that will be used to enhance public understanding of the project   |
|   |  |
| 6   | A <b>schedule for implementing the NPS management measures</b> identified in this plan that is reasonably expeditious  |
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| 7 | A description of interim, <b>measurable milestones for determining whether NPS management measures</b> or other control actions are being implemented  |
|   |  |
| 8 | A set of <b>criteria that can be used to determine whether loading reductions are being achieved</b> overtime and substantial progress is being made towards attaining water quality standards |
|   |  |
| 9 | A <b>monitoring component</b> to evaluate the effectiveness of the implementation efforts over time measured against the criteria established under item 8.                                    |
|   |  |

If you have questions or need assistance filling out this application, please do not hesitate to contact 205(j) grant administrator Maya Cough-Schulze at (919) 807-6442 or [maya.cough-schulze@ncdenr.gov](mailto:maya.cough-schulze@ncdenr.gov).