



**CWMTF Request for Proposals
Protection of Military Installations
Readiness and Environmental Protection Initiative Funds**

August 16, 2011

To: Organizations interested in military buffer protection

From: Richard Rogers
Executive Director, on behalf of the Board of Trustees
NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund

The North Carolina Clean Water Management Trust Fund (CWMTF) is requesting proposals for projects that provide buffers around military installations and protect the overall military training mission; secure matching funds for the Readiness and Environmental Protection Initiative (REPI); and protect water quality. CWMTF has up to \$500,000 for this RFP and expects to fund 1 or 2 proposals.

The enclosed Request for Proposal (RFP) is open to all organizations that are eligible to receive CWMTF grant funds per NCGS113A-254(a) (State agencies, North Carolina local government units, and nonprofit corporations whose primary purpose is conservation, preservation, and restoration of North Carolina's environmental and natural resources).

Decisions for awarding funds will be made by the CWMTF's Board of Trustees, which expects to allocate up to \$500,000 for this initiative at its October 10, 2011.

CWMTF will only consider proposals received at the offices of the CWMTF on or before September 9, 2011. Proposals must be received in hard copy.

The implementation of any successful proposals must comply with CWMTF acquisition purchasing guidelines, appraisal guidelines, standard acquisition contract conditions, etc. The standard CWMTF conservation easement will be required on the riparian acreage purchased using CWMTF funds; a conservation easement acceptable to CWMTF must be recorded on the acreage purchased using matching funds.

To respond to this RFP, please read the details in the enclosed RFP then complete and submit Attachment A along with other required documents by close of business September 9, 2011.

For additional information or answers to questions, please contact Richard Rogers, CWMTF Executive Director, at richard.rogers@ncdenr.gov or (919)715-6767.

Enclosure

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1. Background

CWMTF provides grants for enhancing and restoring degraded waters, protecting unpolluted waters, and contributing to a network of riparian buffers and greenways. Local governments, state agencies, and conservation non-profits are eligible to receive CWMTF grant funds.

CWMTF typically awards funds for grants on an annual cycle in three categories: property acquisition, wastewater, and stream restoration/stormwater/greenways. CWMTF's primary mechanism for awarding funds is initiated by annual solicitation of grant applications for project funding, the latest of which were received by CWMTF by February 1, 2011.

In 2011, the General Assembly added the following budget provision related to military funds. S.L. 2011-145 26.26.c.(1) pages 218-219

“Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 113A-253(c) and G.S. 113A-254, the sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) shall be used for the 2011-2012 fiscal year and for the 2012-2013 fiscal year for State matching funds for the Readiness and Environmental Protection Initiative and any other United States Department of Defense program that provides for military buffers and protects the overall military training mission;”

In the annual solicitation for grant applications received by February 1, 2011, there were initially two projects that met this requirement, requesting a total of \$4,338,524. However, one project has been withdrawn, leaving a current request of \$1,022,744 that meets the requirements of the budget provision related to military funds. At its August 15, 2011 meeting, the CWMTF Board of Trustees directed staff to send out a Request for Proposals to determine if there are additional acquisition projects that meet the CWMTF mission of protecting water quality, provide military buffers, and can secure matching funds through the Readiness and Environmental Protection Initiative or other US Department of Defense programs.

2. Process for Requesting Funds

**Proposals will be accepted from August 16, 2011 through September 9, 2011.
Proposals must be submitted in hard copy.**

To respond to this RFP, complete the form found in Attachment A. In addition, the following documents are required:

- Two maps, each 8.5” x 11”
One map should show the location of the property in context of military bases, major streams, major roads, nearby protected property, nearby municipalities, etc.

The second map should show more details of property including clear property boundary, access to the property, all streams on the property, and any roads, development or existing easements on the property.

- Letter of Commitment for matching funds from the US Department of Defense

3. Proposal Submission Date and Address

CWMTF will only consider proposals received in hard copy on or before September 9, 2011.

The address to which proposals must be submitted is:

NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund
100 East Six Forks Road, Suite 304
Raleigh, NC 27609
Attention: RFP Protection of Military Installations

4. Process for Selecting Projects and Awarding Funds

Proposals will be evaluated by CWMTF staff for compliance to the CWMTF and REPI guidelines. It is anticipated that decisions regarding awarding funds will be made by the CWMTF's Board of Trustees at their October 10, 2011 meeting.

Although the Board anticipates awarding funds for REPI projects, it reserves the right to defer award of funds to a later Board meeting or to award no funds. This RFP should not be construed as a commitment by the CWMTF to award funds at any time.

5. CWMTF Contact for Additional Information

Direct questions to:

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6. CWMTF Grant Contract Conditions

Any grant contracts that result from this RFP will be written using the CWMTF standard acquisition grant contract template. All existing CWMTF policies and guidelines for fee simple or conservation easement acquisition, appraisal guidelines, etc. will apply. The standard CWMTF conservation easement will be required on the riparian acreage being purchased using CWMTF funds; a conservation easement acceptable to CWMTF must be recorded on the acreage purchased using matching funds.