

**Enhancement Survivorship Application
Watersheds United Vermont (WUV)
2026 Enhanced Riparian Buffer Survivorship Grant**

Please complete and save the Application as one document (Word or PDF format) and email to WUV Director Lyn Munno at lyn@watershedsunitedvt.org and WUV Manager Christian Pelletier at christian@watershedsunitedvt.org

If you have any questions about your planting project or its eligibility, please contact WUV's Grant Manager Christian Pelletier: christian@watershedsunitedvt.org or 860-428-6900.

Applicants can submit one application for multiple sites for weeding/vine removal activities. Please make sure if submitting for multiple sites, you provide the information required below for each planting site. The budget can be combined for all the weeding/vine removal activities for all the sites. Applicants will need to submit a separate application for any re-planting proposal.

Grant Overview:

As part of WUV's Enhancement Riparian Buffer Grant, WUV is able to fund buffer enhanced survivorship treatment activities. Enhanced survivorship treatment activities are eligible to be performed on sites supported in whole or in part with DEC funds and registered within the Clean Water Project Explorer as "River – Planting" project type or new planting projects under WUV's current Woody Buffer Block Grant/Enhancement Riparian Buffer Grant. This request will allow subgrantees to fund the following activities at previously planted sites throughout 2026 and 2027:

Replanting:

The Enhanced Survivorship Funds can be used to replant a buffer area to reach the desired stem/acre count at the site – this replanting must at a minimum bring the stem count to 300 stems/acre. The replanted must have a strategy to address the root causes of previous planting mortality. ***If re-planting please submit a standalone application for each site that you plan to re-plant.***

Weeding:

When to weed: Is the vegetation around planted trees dense (or known to be dense) and causing concern for survivability? If yes, to reduce risk of smothering from grasses and other vegetation such as Goldenrod, Reed Canary Grass, and vines, the following are acceptable practices:

- Weed whacking in 4' diameter around planted trees *Planted vegetation should be identified/flagged prior to weeding.
- Passive weeding such as the use of mulch (can do this preventatively)

Vine Removal:

When to perform vine removal: Vines such as Bindweed, Clematis, or Groundnut may overtop and smother trees and shrubs that have been planted. Are vines growing on young seedlings? If yes,

- Vines should be manually pulled during maintenance visits, especially after planting or until trees and shrubs are large enough not to be overtopped.

All projects and expenses under this grant must meet the requirements of the most current DEC CWIP Funding Policy in effect at the time of the grant agreement.

Contact Information
Organization Name:
Contact Person:
Phone Number:
E-mail Address:

Enhanced Survivorship Project Summary <i>*Please make sure this information matches the original submitted application through the Woody Buffer Block Grant or the Enhancement Riparian Buffer Block Grant</i>
Project Title(s):
Project Location Town(s):
Project Location Watershed(s):
WPID(s) (must be same as original project):
Enhanced Survivorship Activity: ☐ Re-plant (if a re-plant application, please only include one site per application) ☐ Vine Removal/Weeding (application can be bundled for multiple sites)
Planting Site(s) Address:
Summary of Original Planting(s) (Date planted, buffer width, buffer acreage, planting plan summary):
How was the site(s) assessed and determined to be in need of DEC Enhanced Survivorship funding?

Please include when each site was visited and summary of each site visit:
Enhanced Survivorship Activity Area(s) (buffer width and acres - this may be different from original planting if you are not performing enhanced survivorship activities on the whole planting):
Enhancement Activity Description (3-5 sentences summarizing why the enhancement activity or additional planting is needed at each site and what activities will occur at each planting site):
Enhancement Activity Timeline (provide a timeline of the activities that will be performed each year of the request at each site, request can cover up to 2 years of enhanced survivorship activities):
If replanting, what techniques or activities are being put into place to promote a successful planting and address the cause of mortality from the original planting(s)?

Project Costs: Please note, these funds <u>can</u> be used for match for federal or state sources.							
Estimated Total Project Cost including all funding sources: Total Request Budget Breakdown: <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Staff time including reporting and deliverables preparation (salary plus fringe):</td> <td style="width: 150px; height: 40px;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Tree/shrub Costs:</td> <td style="width: 150px; height: 40px;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Planting/Enhanced Survivorship Maintenance Costs (staff planting/maintenance time or contractual crew cost)*:</td> <td style="width: 150px; height: 60px;"></td> </tr> </table>		Staff time including reporting and deliverables preparation (salary plus fringe):		Tree/shrub Costs:		Planting/Enhanced Survivorship Maintenance Costs (staff planting/maintenance time or contractual crew cost)*:	
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Mileage (use Federal rate)	
Other (eligible tools):	
Subtotal	
Indirect (up to 15% of modified total direct costs):	
Total Requested Amount	

Budget Explanation:

* WUV understands that you might not know at this time whether enhanced survivorship activities will be performed by staff or a contractor, so it is fine to combine into one. When you bill WUV, the staff time versus contractor time will need to be separated out in the invoice and we will need subinvoices for any contract time.