

Apply for Greenbelt Funding

The Dorchester County Greenbelt Program officially began with the adoption of the Greenbelt Master Plan on May 20th, 2024, by the Dorchester County Council. Applications for Greenbelt Projects meeting the goals of The Dorchester County Greenbelt Master Plan will now be accepted on a rolling basis.

Per the Dorchester County Greenbelt Master Plan, 2022 Transportation Sales and Use Tax Greenbelt funds are awarded via financial grants through the Grants Program to equitably distribute funding for greenspace conservation throughout the County.

Funds Available: Approximately, \$35 million is available.

Deadline: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

Who Can Apply: Eligible Greenbelt Fund Recipients are: Dorchester County or a municipality in Dorchester County; any agency, commission, or instrumentality of the County or municipality within Dorchester County; a not-for-profit charitable corporation or trust authorized to do business in this State and organized and operated for natural resource conservation, land conservation, or historic preservation purposes, and having tax-exempt status as a public charity under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and having the power to acquire, hold, and maintain interests in land for these purposes; an agency or instrumentality of the United States Government; and any other entities as may be approved at the discretion of County Council on a case-by-case basis.

How to Apply: Applications must be submitted online. To access the online application, please complete the <u>Notice of Intent Form</u> available on Dorchester County's website and email the completed and signed form to <u>DCGGreenbelt@DorchesterCountySC.Gov</u>. Upon receipt of your Notice of Intent Form, a pre-application meeting will be scheduled. Following the pre-application meeting, an online application form will be sent to the applicant.

Pre-Application Meetings: A pre-application meeting with Greenbelt staff is required to apply. This meeting will be scheduled by Greenbelt staff after the Notice of Intent Form is submitted to the County. If you wish to discuss your project or need technical assistance, please contact:

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