

# WATERSHED SUPPORT PROGRAM GUIDELINES



## **Program Overview:**

The Watershed Support Program provides financial and technical assistance to support watershed health and address water quality issues in the Flathead Watershed.

## **Program Goals:**

- Provide support for programs and practices that protect and improve water quality at the watershed scale
- Fund on-the-ground projects that address nonpoint source pollution in priority areas
- Create landowner champions and project success stories to propagate future projects in priority areas and maximize funding impact

## **Priority Areas:**

The Flathead Conservation District (FCD) will identify priority areas within the Flathead Watershed for targeted landowner outreach and implementation of on-the-ground projects. Priority area determinations will be based on existing project opportunities and informed by communication with partner agencies and organizations. On-the-ground project funding will support implementation of specific practices to address water quality issues in the priority area. Priority area designations will be determined annually, at which time FCD will review progress and reassess priorities.

## **Priority Area Project Guidelines:**

- Landowners may receive funding for up to 100% of approved project costs, up to \$10,000
- Funding may be used to support installation of eligible practices, project design and engineering expenses, or used as matching funds for large-scale projects
- Landowners will be responsible for project installation, maintenance, and long-term success of the project as defined in a Landowner Agreement with FCD
- Landowners may only apply for one project per year, but a project may be comprised of multiple practices (e.g., riparian fencing and off-site water development)
- Landowners will agree to allow FCD representatives to visit the project site (pending landowner permission and always with the option to accompany FCD representative) and to describe the project in writing and photos in order to follow and create awareness of project success

## **Application Deadline:** Rolling

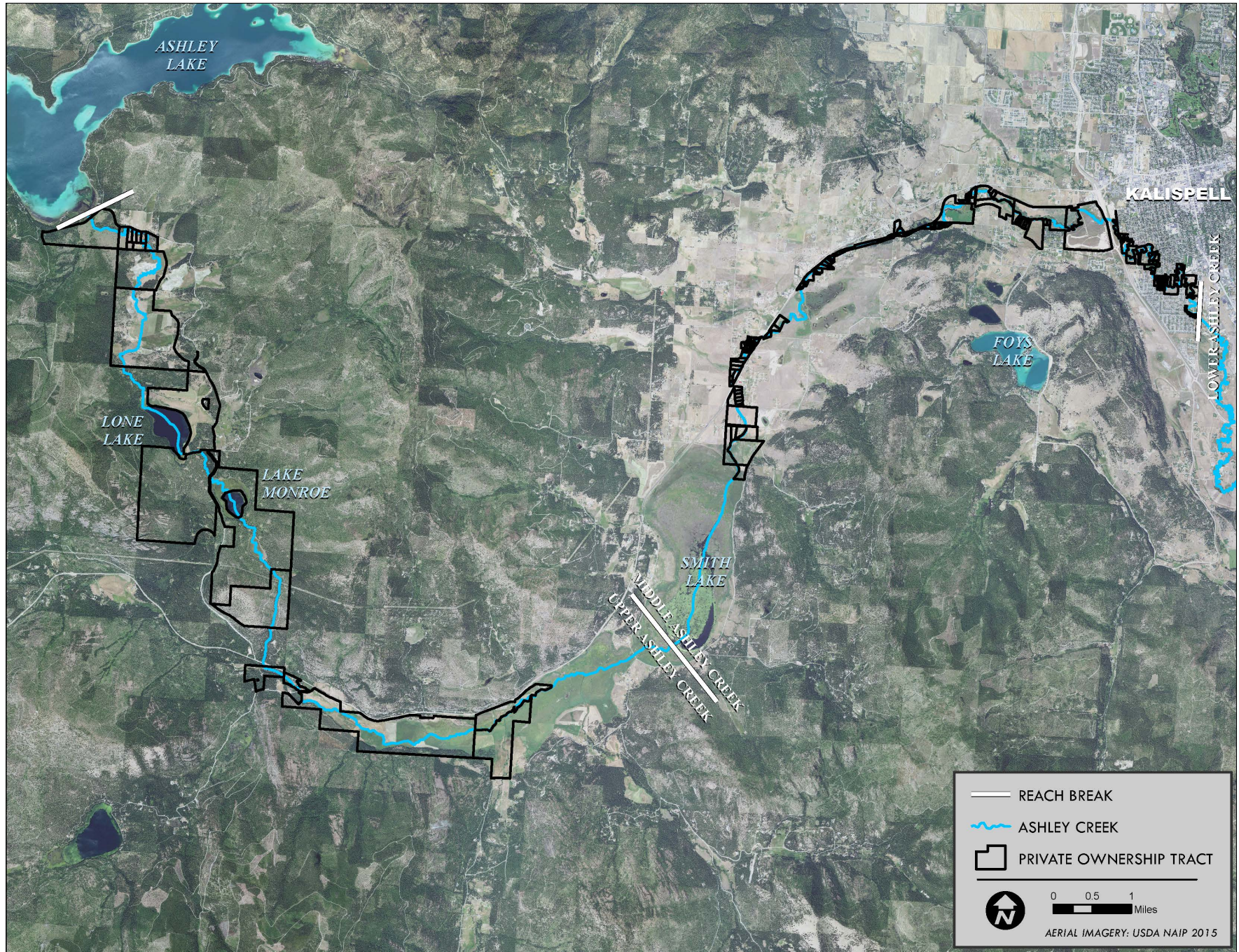
## **Application Process:**

1. Landowners will complete and submit the program application. Incomplete applications will not be processed.
2. Flathead CD staff will contact the landowner to arrange a site visit.
3. Projects will be presented to the FCD Board and reviewed based on their merit and benefit to water quality, partnership/cooperative opportunities, and future outreach potential.
4. Applicants whose projects are funded must submit a W-9 form and will enter into a one-year contract. A Landowner Agreement will be signed to ensure successful implementation and landowner commitment to long-term maintenance of the project.

## **Payment process:**

1. Project must be initiated and completed within the contract timeframe.
2. Landowner is required to pay project costs and submit all receipts and invoices upon project completion.
3. Flathead CD will verify project completion with a site inspection before issuing payment.

# 2020-2021 PRIORITY AREA: Upper-Middle Ashley Creek





**Application Deadline:** Rolling

**Instructions:** Review the program guidelines and priority area description to determine eligibility. This application must be complete, legible, and include quoted or estimated costs for each practice. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

Submit applications to:  
 Flathead Conservation District  
 133 Interstate Lane  
 Kalispell, MT 59901  
 OR: [samantha@flatheadcd.org](mailto:samantha@flatheadcd.org)

<u>OFFICE USE ONLY</u>	
Application #:	_____
Date Received:	_____
Application Complete:	Yes / No
Site Visit Date:	_____

**Applicant Information:**

Name(s): _____			
Mailing Address: _____			
City/Town: _____		Zip Code: _____	
Phone: _____		Email: _____	
Contact Preference:	<input type="checkbox"/> Phone	<input type="checkbox"/> Email	<input type="checkbox"/> USPS

**Property Information:**

Is the project site located within the Watershed Support Program Priority Area?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Physical address (if different): _____		
City/Town: _____		Zip Code: _____
and/or Geocode: _____		
Township _____ N, Range _____ W, Section _____ ¼ _____ ¼ _____ ¼, Parcel _____		
Land use(s) (e.g. residence, agriculture, timber): _____		



## WATERSHED SUPPORT PROGRAM APPLICATION

**Project Practices (check all that apply):**

- Riparian livestock fencing
- Hardened crossing / water gap
- Stock water tank / off-site water / pipeline
- Riparian vegetation planting
- Wetland restoration / enhancement
- Bridge / culvert replacement / upgrade

- Stream bank stabilization
- Channel realignment
- Erosion control
- Irrigation efficiency improvement
- Other (list):
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**Project Details:**

Provide a brief description of your project (include materials, dimensions, and methods).

***Include/Attach a detailed sketch or plan map to support the project description.***



**Project Details (continued):**

Describe the current conditions of the project site.

Describe a timeline for project completion.

How will you maintain the project in coming years?



**Project Support and Impact:**

Have you received technical assistance from Flathead Conservation District, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, NRCS, contractors, or other qualified professionals? If so, please provide contacts and guidance provided.

List agencies, organizations, and/or neighboring landowners who support or are collaborating on your project (include contact information and attach letters as provided, however this is not a requirement).

How will this project benefit water quality?



# WATERSHED SUPPORT PROGRAM APPLICATION

**Project Budget:**

<i>Example: Practice Description</i>	<i>Example: Unit Amount</i>	<i>Example: Cost per Unit</i>	<i>Example: Total Cost</i>
1000-gallon off-site stock water tank	gallons	\$0.50	(1000 x 0.50 =) \$500.00
50 ft below-frost livestock pipeline	linear ft	\$3.00	(50 x 3 =) \$150.00
200 ft livestock fencing (5-strand barbed)	linear ft	\$5.00	(200 x 5 =) \$1,000.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$1,650.00</b>

Practice Description	Unit Amount	Cost per Unit	Total Cost
<b>Total Project Cost \$</b> _____			
<b>Amount Requested from Flathead Conservation District \$</b> _____			
<i>FCD funding not to exceed \$10,000/project</i>			

Contributions from Other Sources (not required):	Amount
<b>Total</b>	

**SIGNATURE:**

I/We hereby declare that the information, and all statements attached to this application are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my/our knowledge.

Applicant(s) Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_