North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation

NC Trails Program

2020 Grant Cycle

Introduction to the Grant Management System (GMS) & Pre-application Instructions









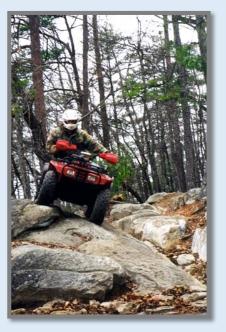
Agenda

- Introduction to GMS (Grant Management System)
- How to register and gain access
- GMS and Grant Cycle Timeline
- Submitting your pre-application

 Another quick start guide will be released for the Final Application process







What is GMS?

Online Grants Management System – Takes you from application to final payment

- Second year for NC RTP Program
- Created by DOT In use by many agencies
- Auditable All entries and changes are logged
- Integrated with the State's payment system



Access to the GMS:

Note: Before getting access to the GMS, your agency <u>must</u> be registered in the NC Accounting System (NCAS). Please submit your GMS access form by the first week of March.

All forms located at this link:

https://trails.nc.gov/trail-grants/apply-grant

Required Information for GMS Access Authorization Form

Billing Address

Federal Tax ID #

8-digit code you will remember

Always remember your 8-digit code. You will need this for resetting a locked account or password

If you need to be Added to NCAS

W-9 Form

Electronic Funds Transfer Form (optional but recommended)

GMS ACCESS AUTHORIZATION FORM

Please complete the User ID Information section below. Each organization is allowed up to 3 authorized users. A separate form is required for each. Once you have completed the form, please return it to the RTP Grants Administrator at talivia.brodie@ncparks.gov. Once the authorization is processed, you will receive an e-mail from NCDOT IT SAP Support Services containing your User ID and temporary password.

User ID Information

First Name:	Last Name:
Title:	
Agency:	
Agency Billing Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Telephone: E-mail:	
Federal Tax ID:	
8-digit number code:	
The 8-digit number code is a "unique yet easy for you to remember": the temporary password for the online GMS. You will also need to p. Services Help Desk.	—
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Critical Information on using GMS!

• The only program that can be used with the GMS is Internet Explorer! This is vital.

Using another program may result in errors, incomplete applications being submitted and other

possible complications.



Use <u>ONLY</u> Internet Explorer



Not Chrome



Caution: Edge looks a lot like Internet Explorer



Not MS Edge



Not Firefox



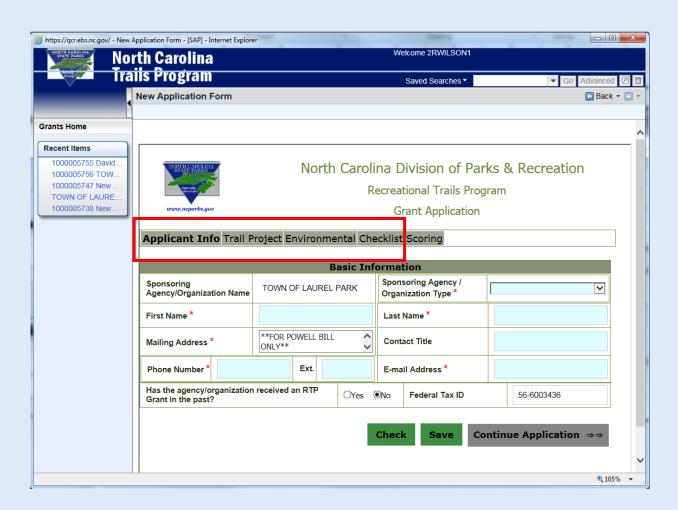
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What is the Pre-App vs Final App?

- The pre-application (previously referred to as Form A) is represented by the first 4 tabs that are: Applicant info, Trail Project, Environmental, Checklist.
- The scoring tab is auto-populated based on the contents of the first 4 tabs.
- If you are invited to apply for the final application, you will see 2 additional tabs where you will need to go into detail regarding more project specifics and deliverables for your project budget.
- When you fill out the final application you will also have the ability to update or edit the 4 tabs from the pre-app.





RTP Grant Cycle Dates

Feb 17, 2020: Pre-application released

March 20, 2020: Last day to submit GMS access authorization form

April 8, 2020: Pre-application due

April 24, 2020: NCTC reviews and recommends final applicants

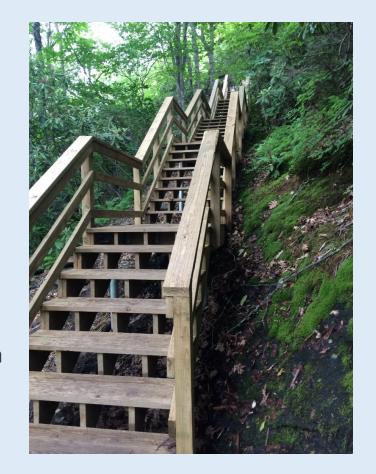
May 11, 2020: Final application released

July 6, 2020: Environmental Review Alert: make sure you have submitted your project by now to determine what permits may be required. (This is a mandatory step to be considered for award)

September 11, 2020 Final Application due

October 2, 2020: NCTC reviews and recommends final applicants for funding

November 2020: Grant awards announced





2020 Safety & Education Grant Cycle

RTP Safety and Education grant applications are reviewed twice a year. Grant applications are due 2 weeks prior to the April and September NCTC meetings.

2020 Safety and Education Applications will be submitted by email using an Adobe pdf form. Please email the 2020 S& E Application to the email address listed on the application.

Future Safety and Education applications will be submitted using the online Grant Management System.

Follow this link to access the S&E Application: Safety & Education Grant Application

January 2020: Safety & Education Grant Application released

April 10, 2020: Safety & Education Grant Applications due for April NCTC meeting

September 11, 2020: Safety & Education Grant Applications due for October NCTC meeting





Consult with your Regional Trails Specialist

We are here to help!

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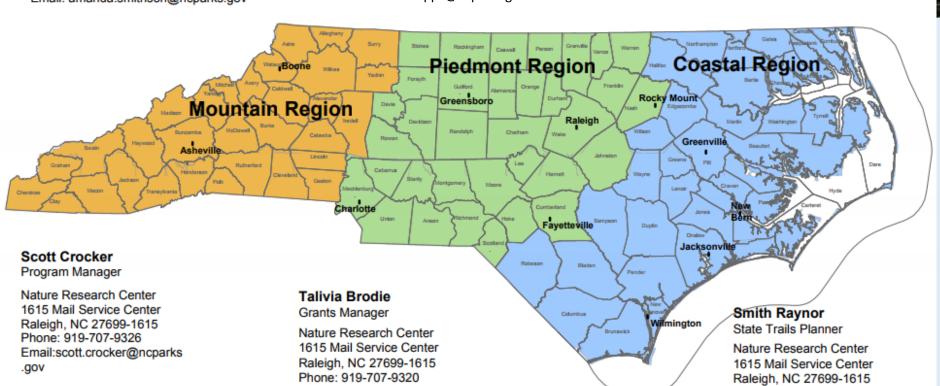
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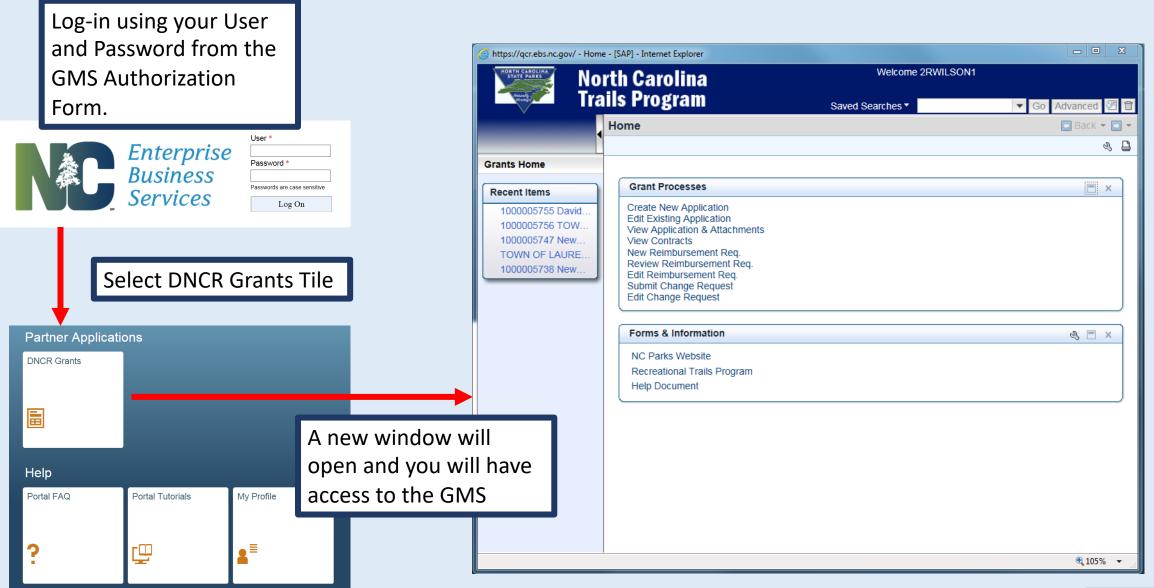
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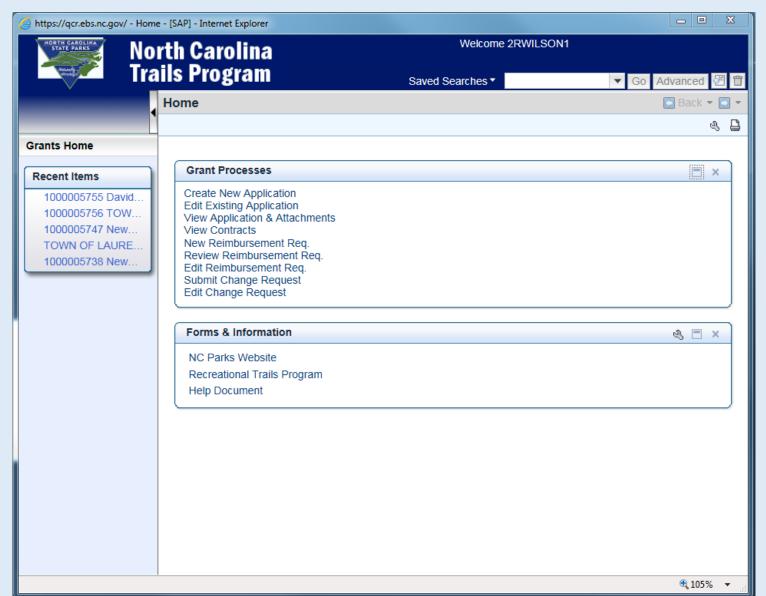
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Grant Process options

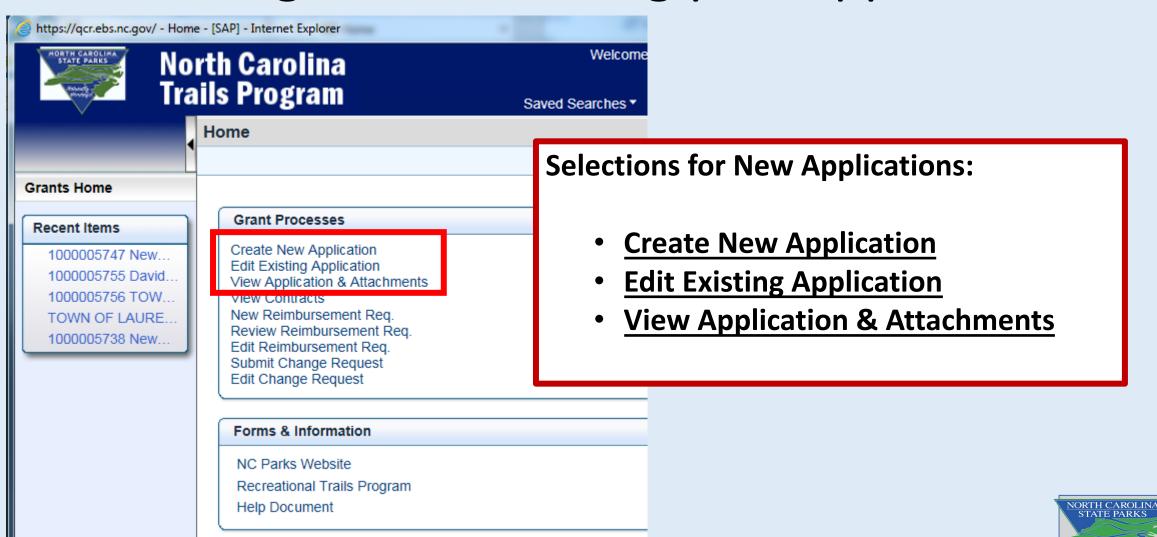
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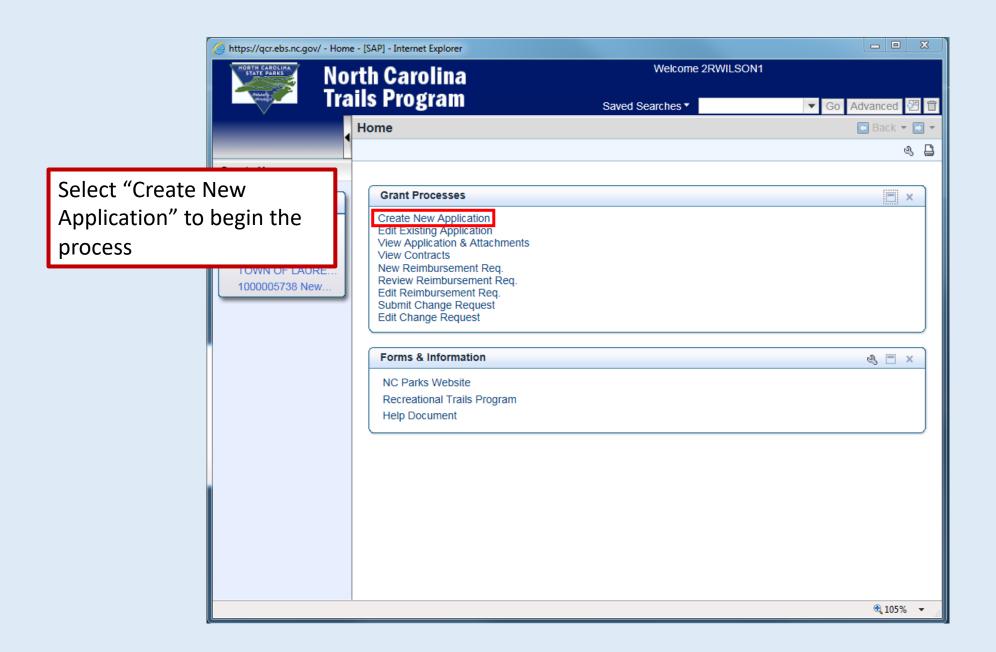
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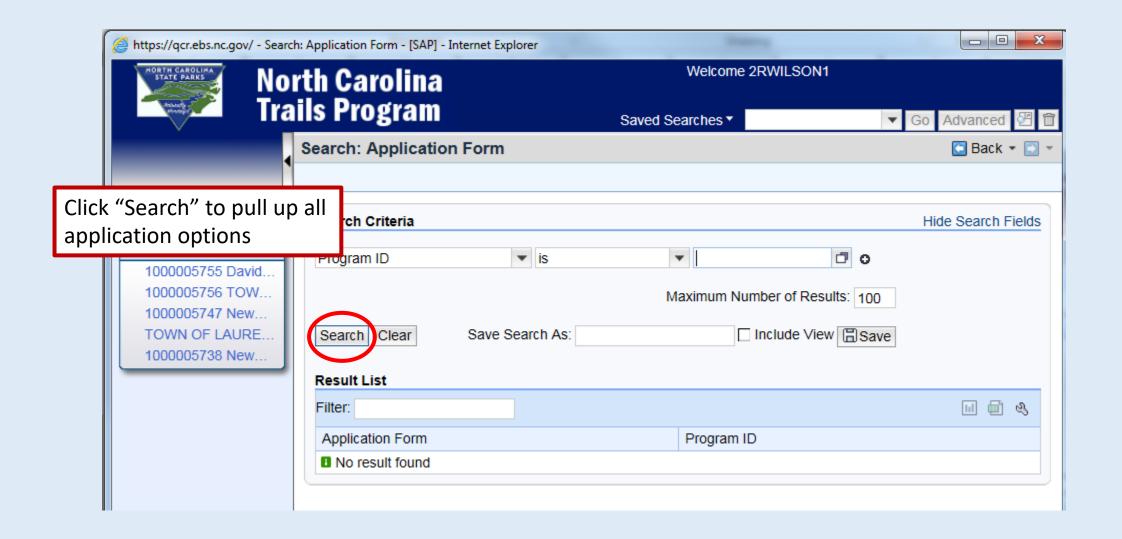


Creating and Submitting your application

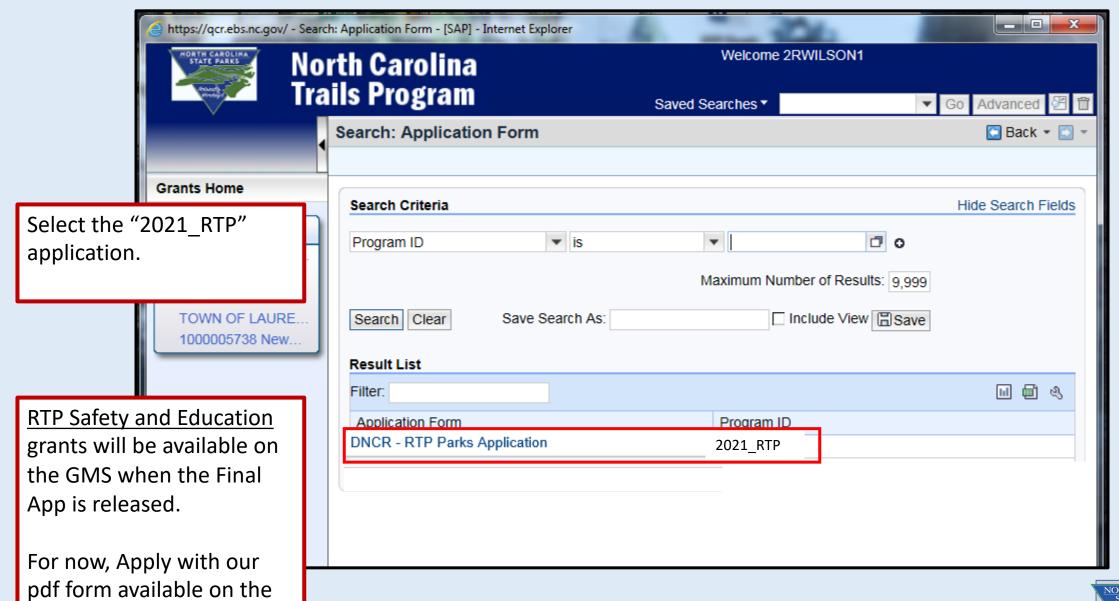






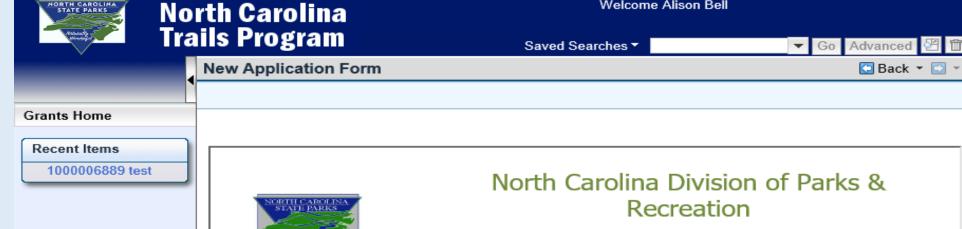




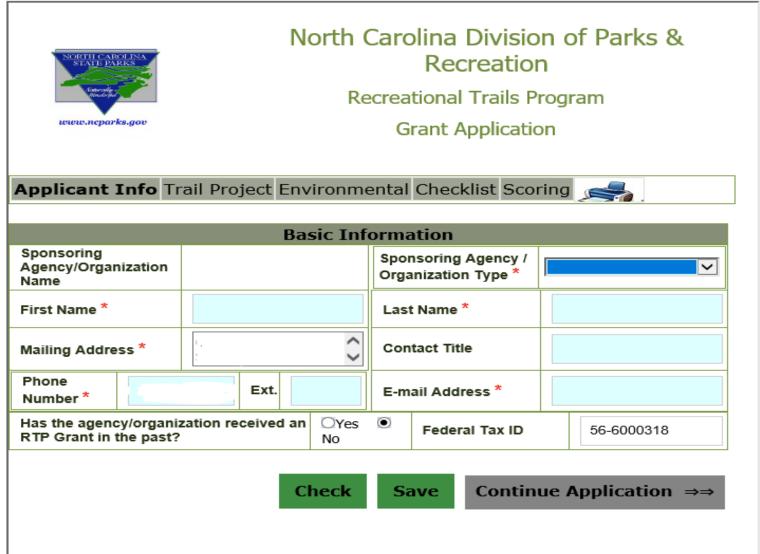


RTP website



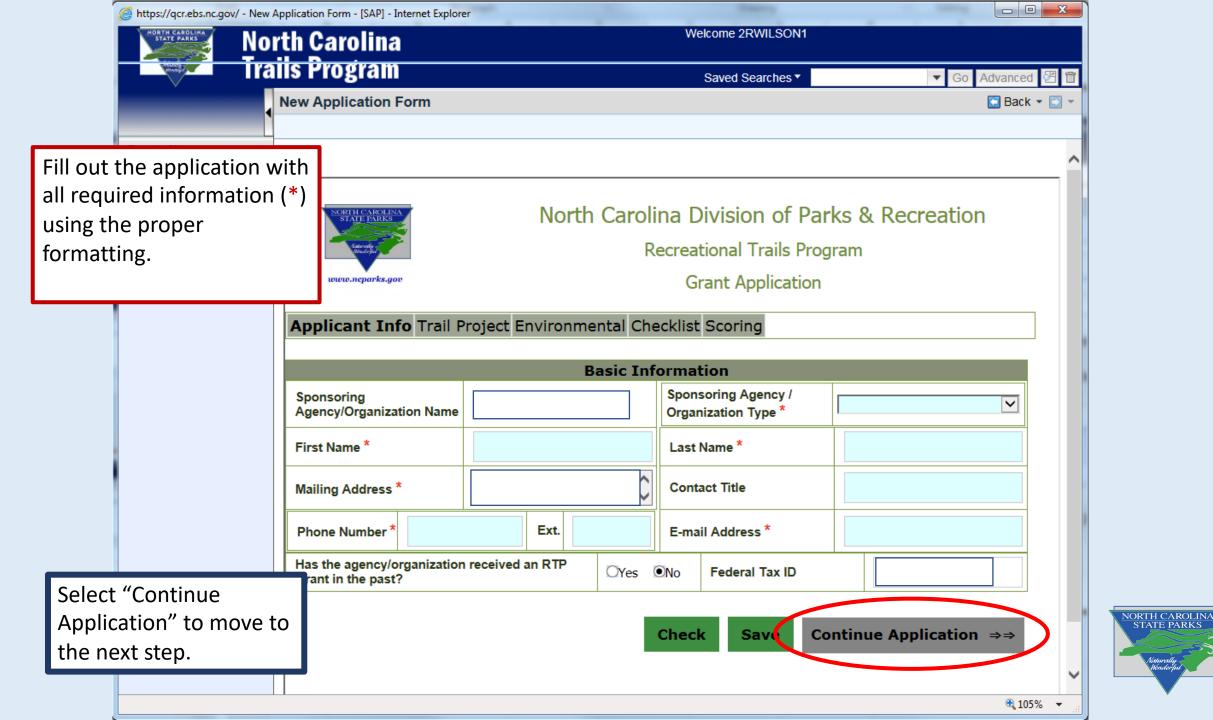


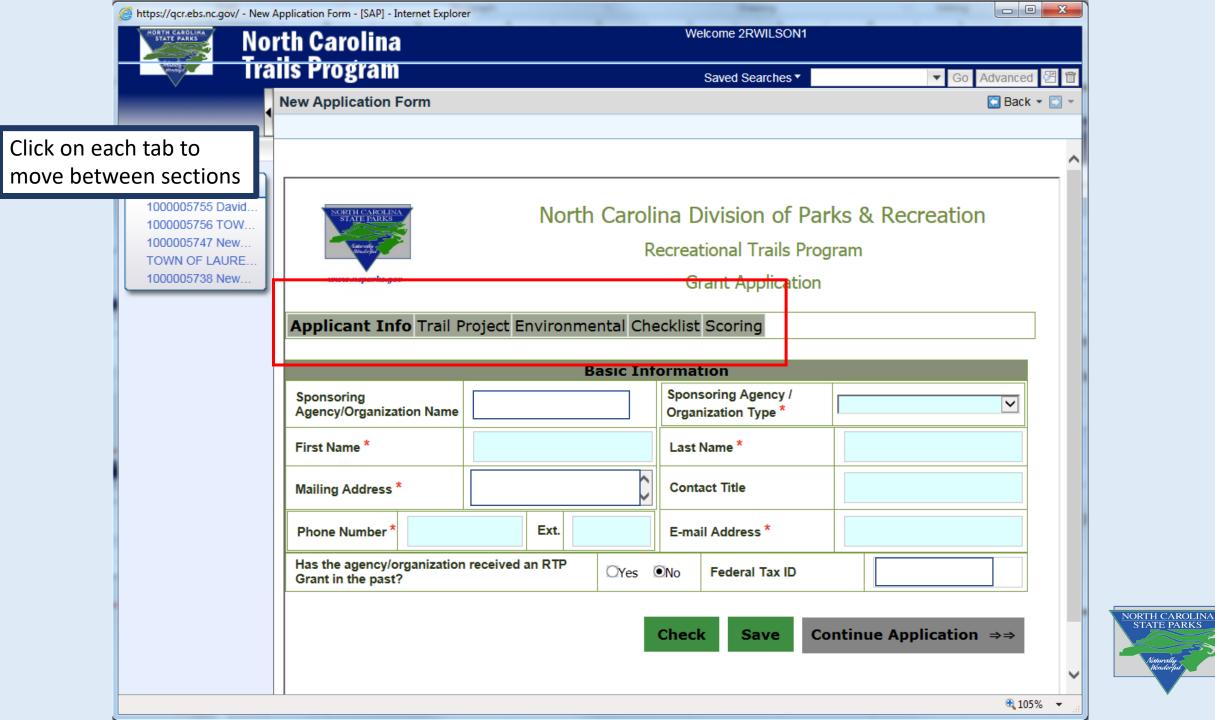
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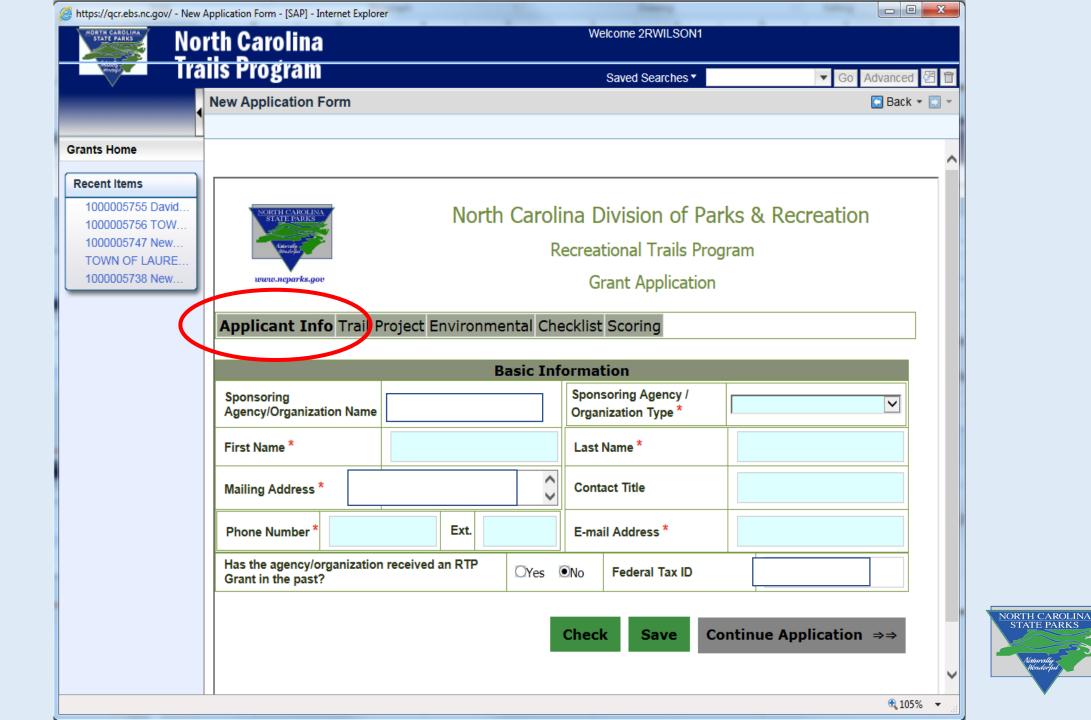


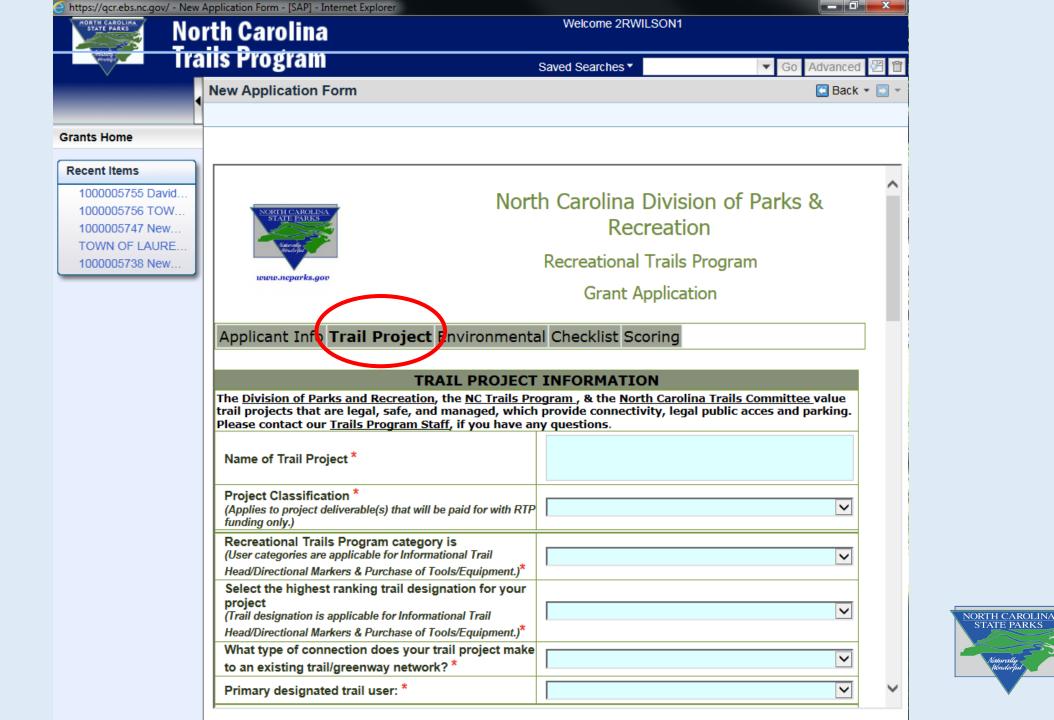


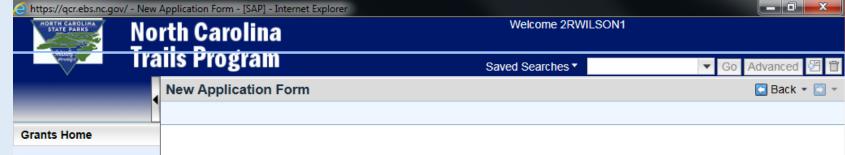
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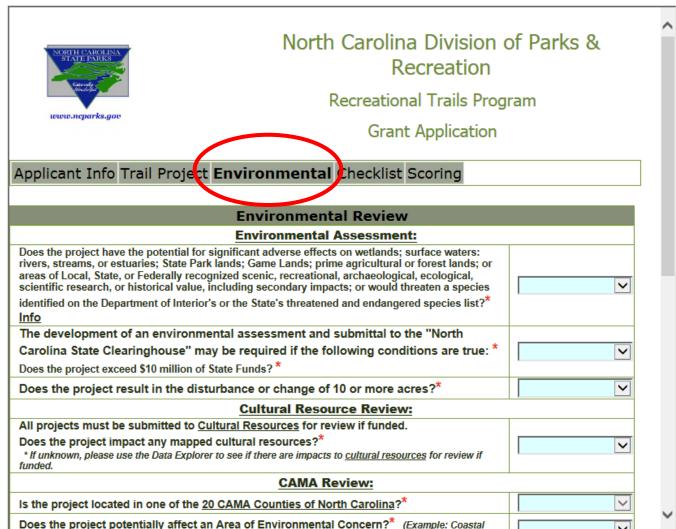




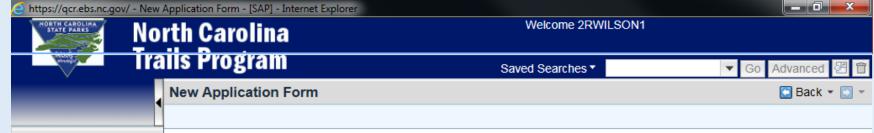


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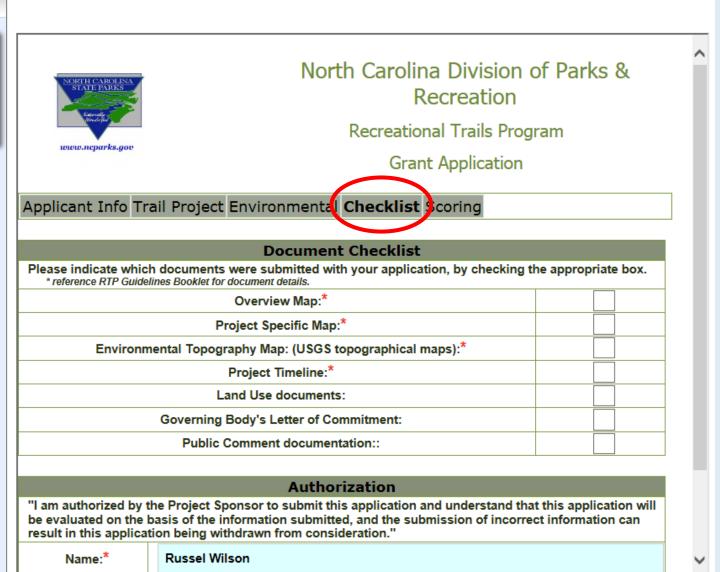




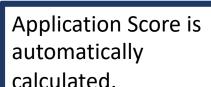


Grants Home

Make sure to upload all required documents(*) following the instructions for attachments in this guide.



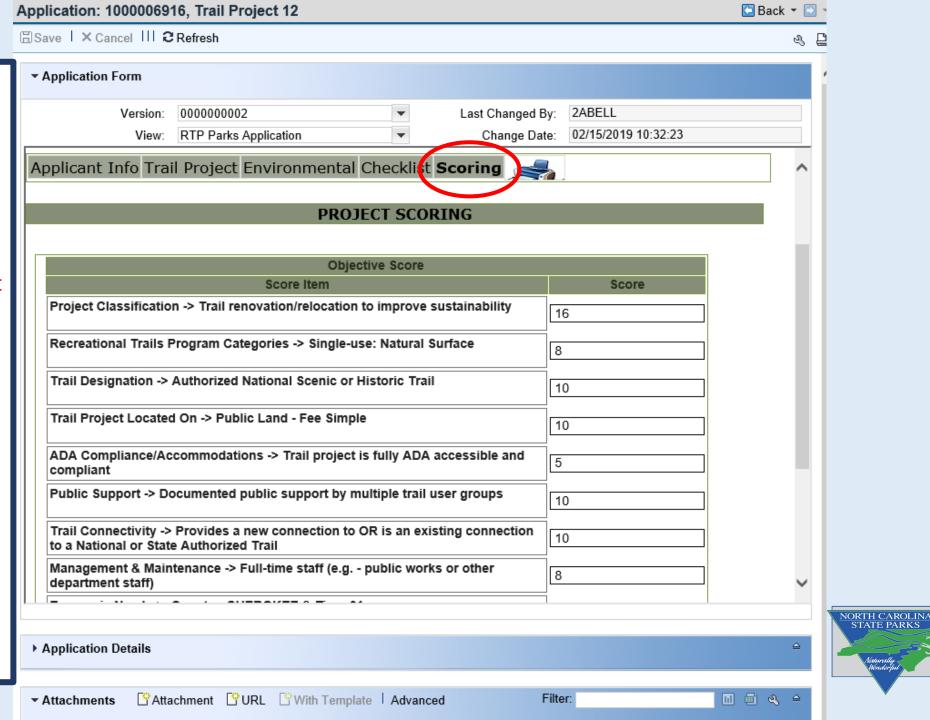


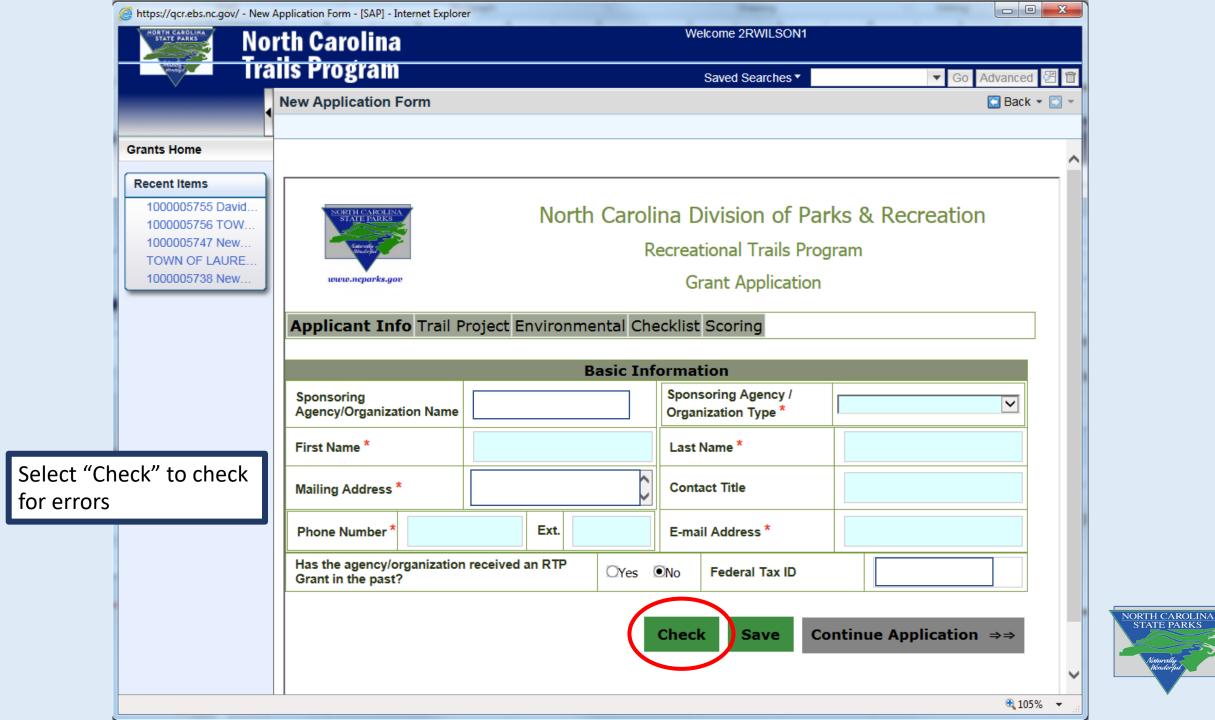


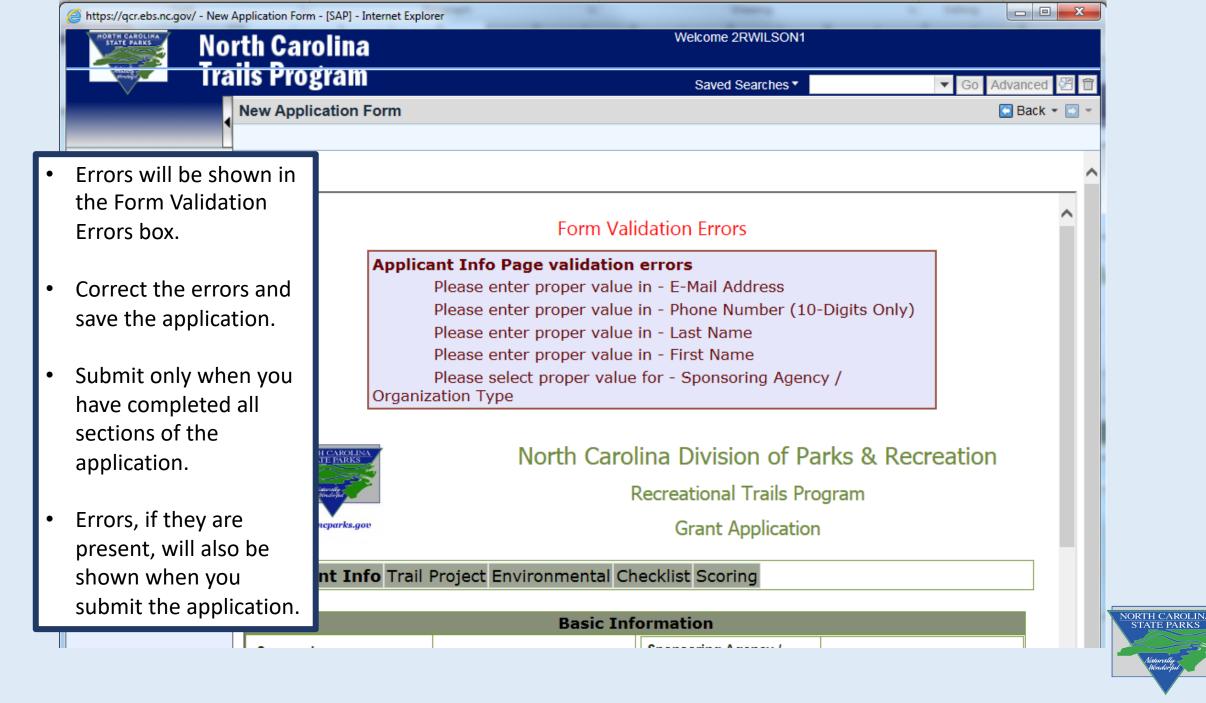
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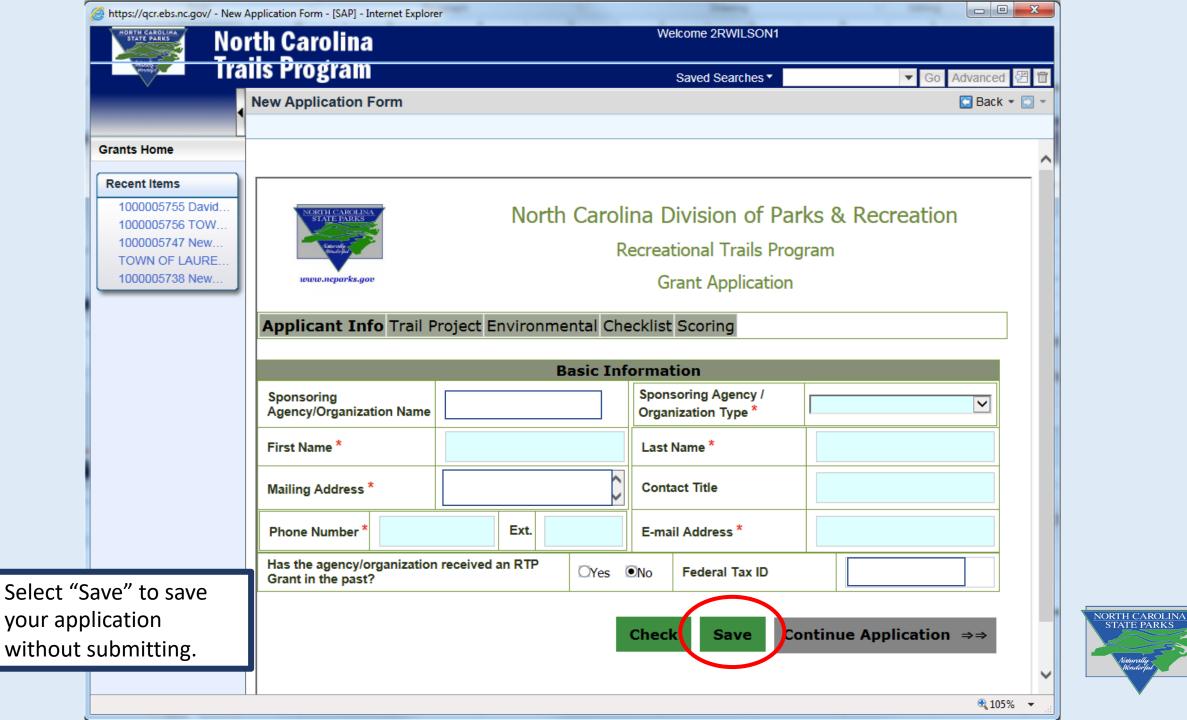
Please submit only once you have fully reviewed the application!

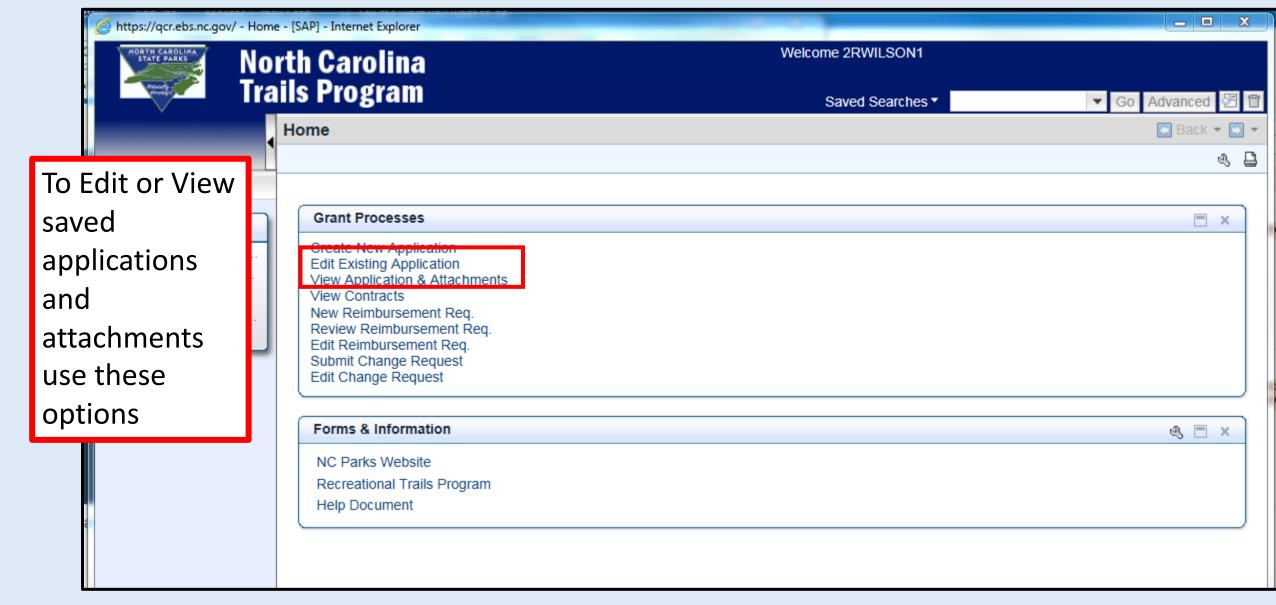
Make sure you have reviewed the application thoroughly and are confident no changes are necessary.



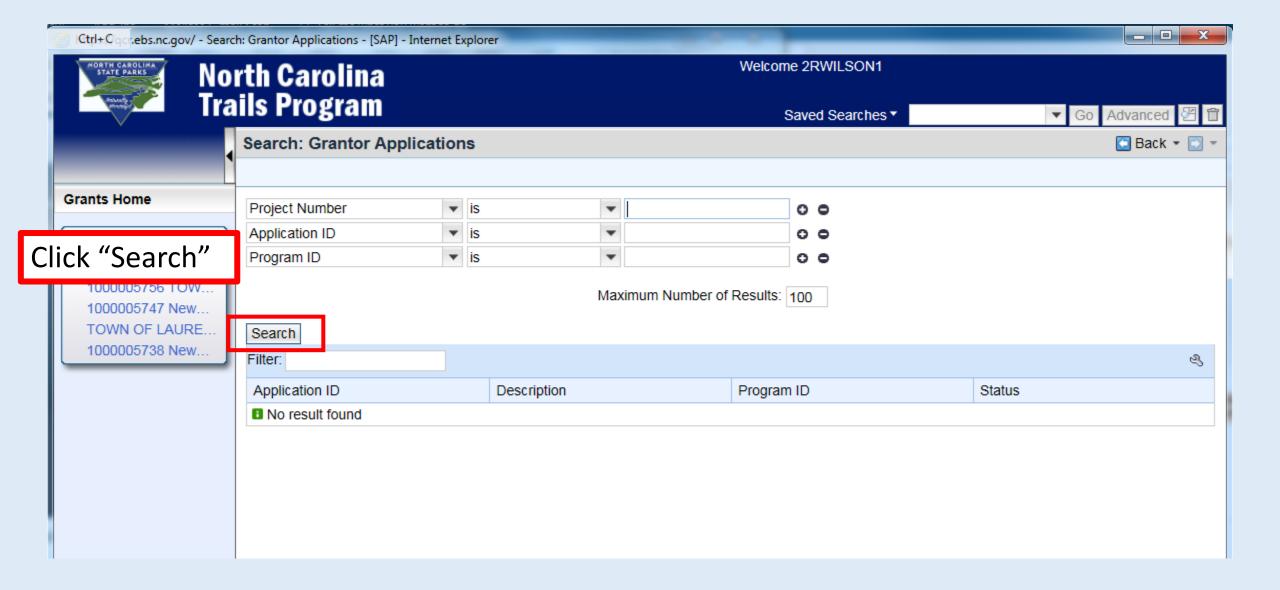








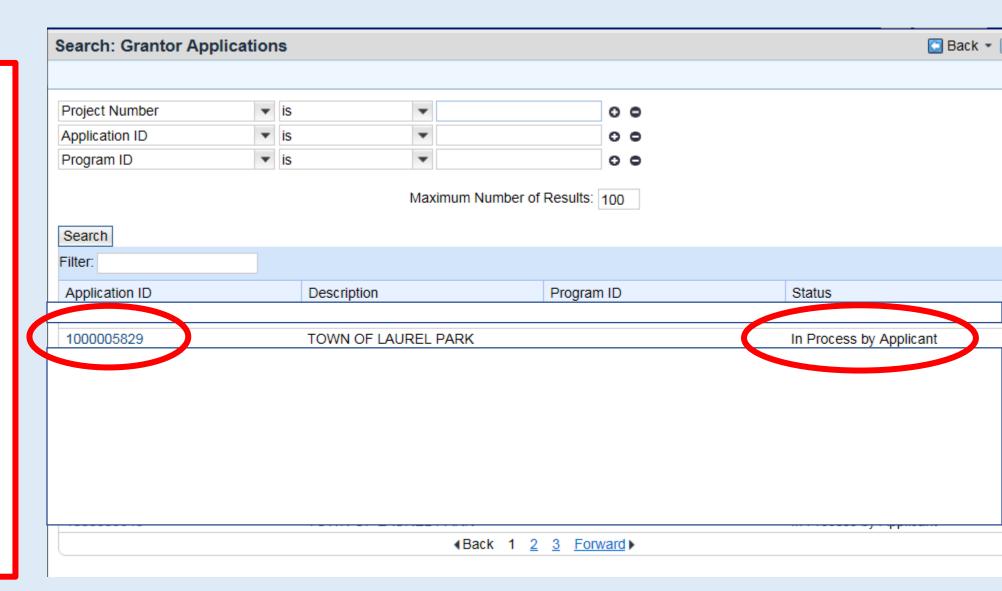




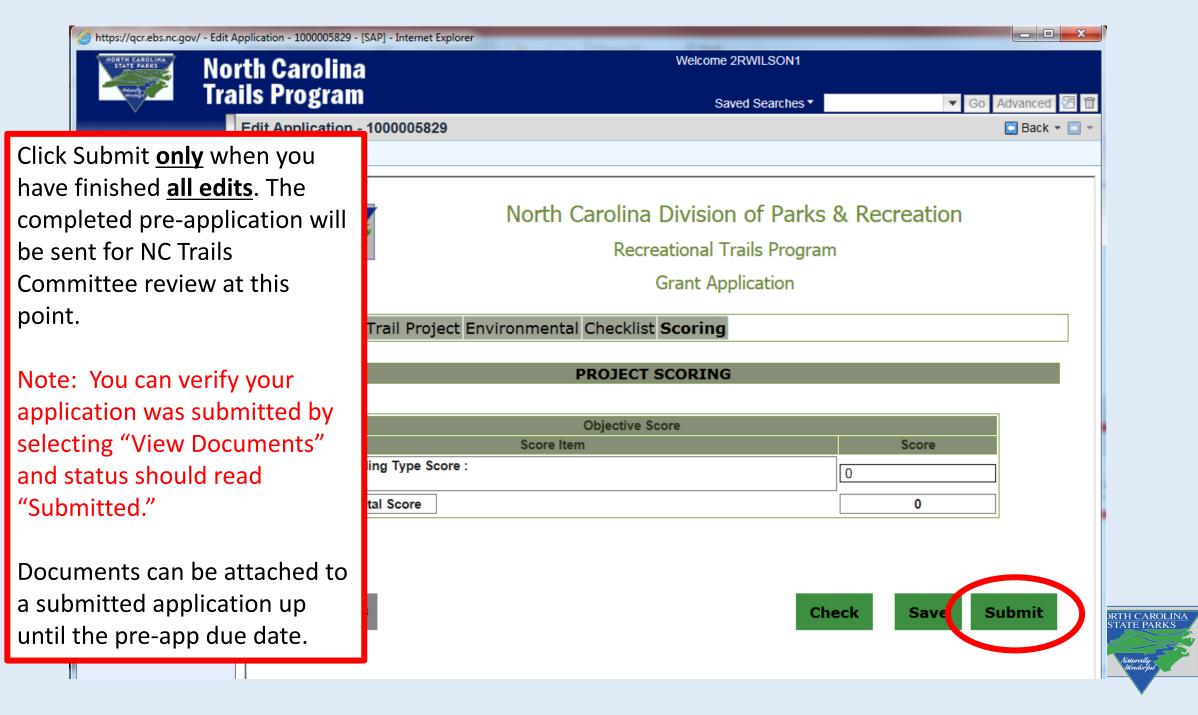


Select the Application ID you want to resume editing.

Note: Status will show where your application is in the process. All pre-apps will show "In Process" until you submit the application.







Uploading Supporting Documents

Once you have submitted your application please wait until you have received all your documents and upload the document packets listed below to support statements and selections made in the application.

Files are REQUIRED to be submitted as a packet using the <u>exact naming format</u> shown below in <u>GREEN</u>. You do not need to include your project description or any other information. Type the file name <u>exactly</u> as shown below.

Packet Titles:

Maps Pre-App

Support Documents Pre-App

Environmental Review Pre-App

(This packet is optional for pre-app but mandatory for the final app.)

*Following this guidance will make review easier for the NC Trails Committee and show attention to detail. Failure to follow these instructions may result in difficulty reviewing your project and a reduced chance to be recommended for a grant award.

Uploading Supporting Documents

Documents to include in each packet: Please compile all your documents <u>in the correct order</u> and scan them to create one PDF file for each packet of documents.

Maps Pre-App

- 1. Overview Map
- 2. Project Specific Map
- 3. Environmental Topo Map

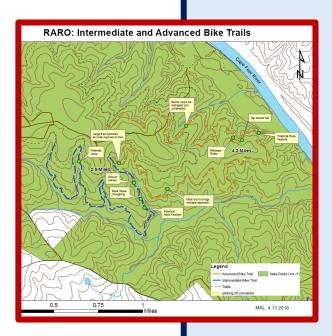
Support Documents Pre-App

(please use a cover page to separate items 1-5)

- 1. Project Timeline
- 2. Letters of Commitment (Group multiple documents into this section)
- 3. Public Comment Documents (Group multiple documents into this section)
- 4. Governing Body Commitment (Group multiple documents into this section)
- 5. Land Documents (Group multiple documents into this section)

Environmental Review Pre-App

(The supporting documentation is optional for the pre-app, but mandatory for the final app)





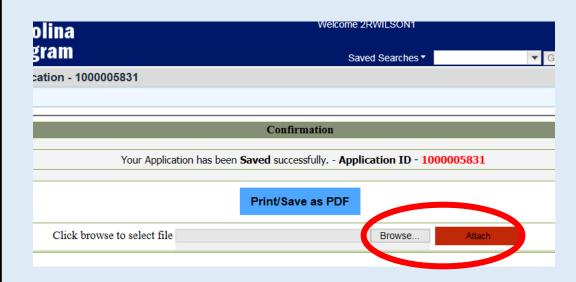
Uploading Supporting Documents

Select "Browse" to locate the files you wish to upload.

Rename using the guidance below and select "attach."

Do Not Upload Draft documents.

Only documents you wish to present to the NC Trails Committee. Applicants cannot delete any uploaded documents.

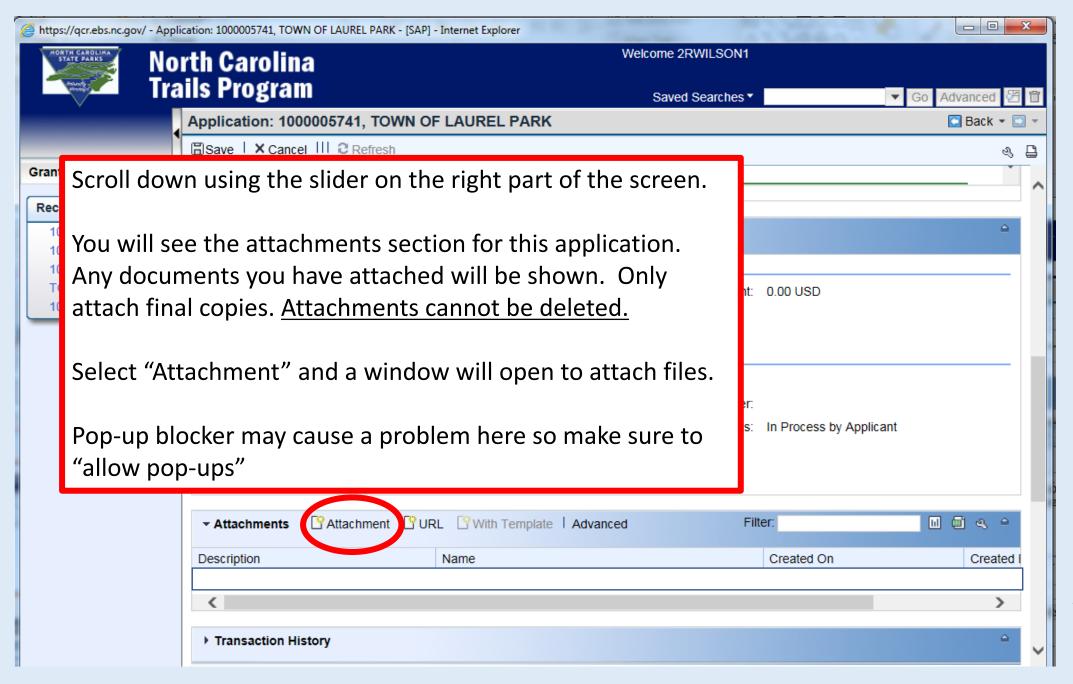


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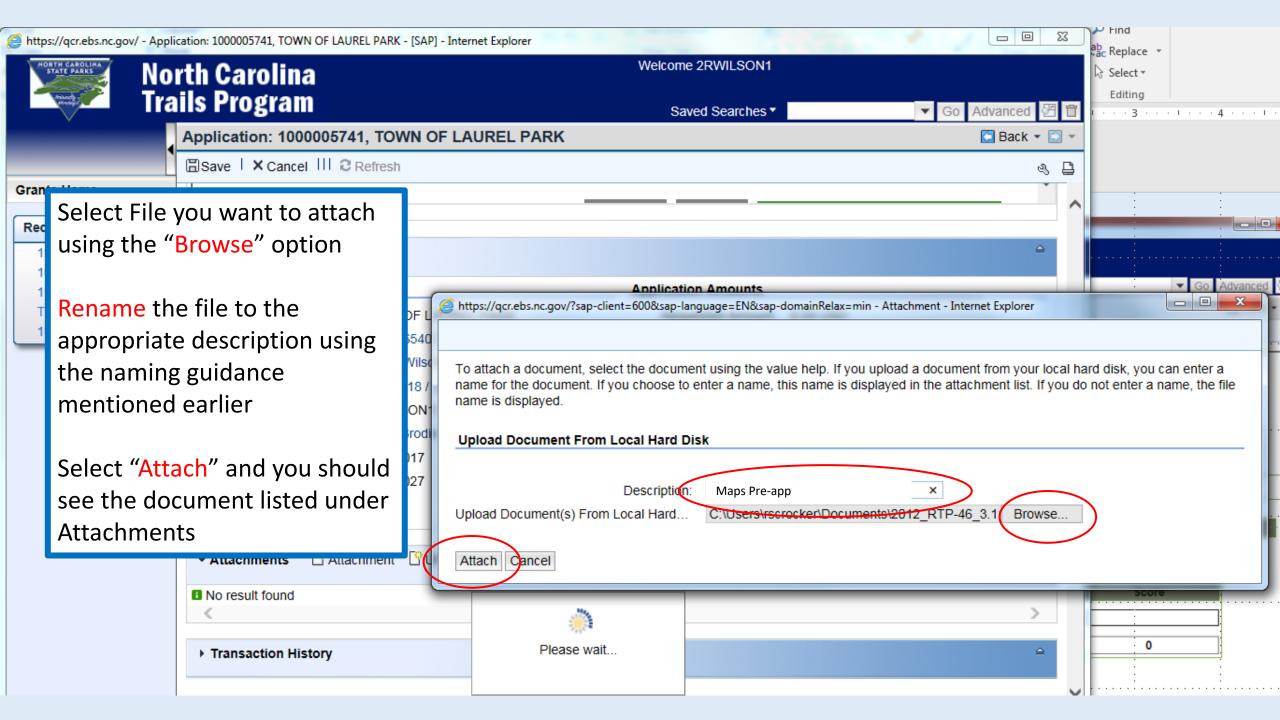
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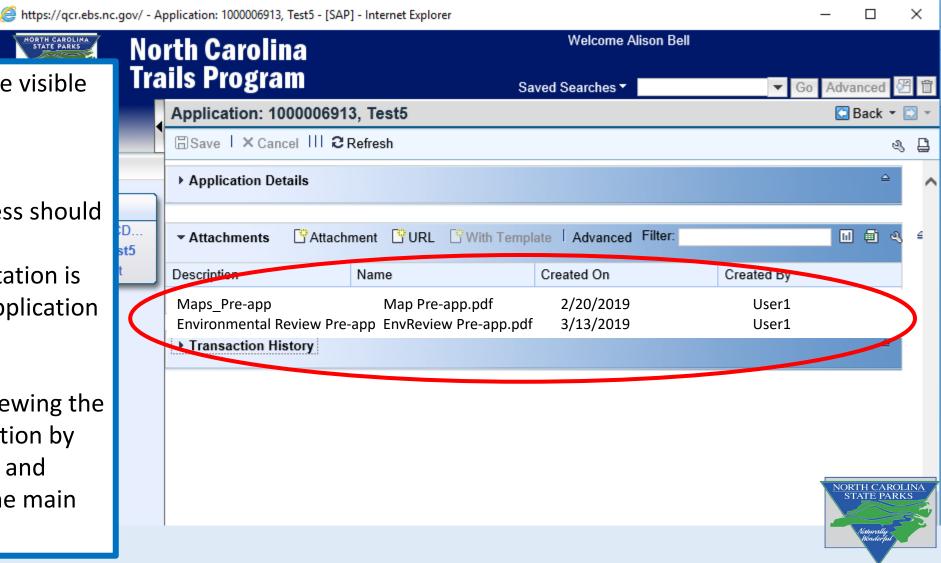


Verifying Attachments

Selected file should be visible in the attachments.

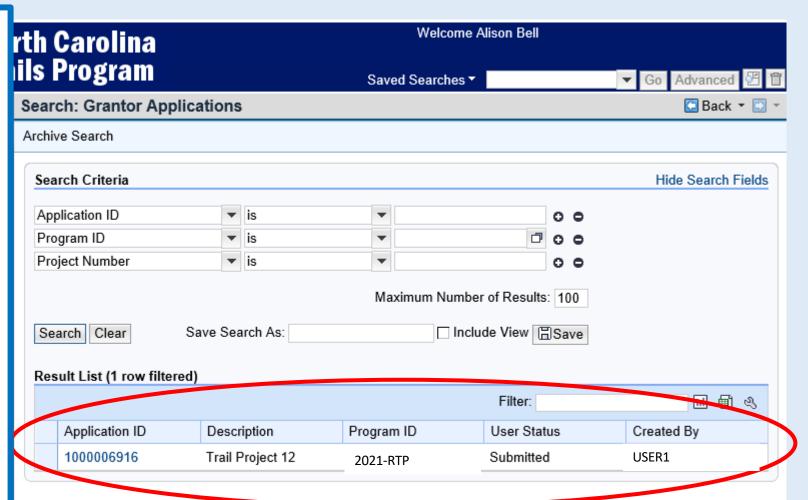
The application process should be **complete** once all supporting documentation is uploaded and your application has been submitted.

You can confirm by viewing the status of your application by "viewing applications and attachments" from the main window.



Verifying Application has been submitted

- You can confirm the status of your application by selecting "view applications and attachments" from the main window.
- Click "Search" and the click on "User Status" header.
- Select "Submitted" and if your application has been submitted it will appear in the list.
- The application process is complete once all supporting documentation is uploaded and your application has been submitted.



Questions?

Reach out to our trails staff to assist you with questions!

For project development, technical advice and application assistance:

Regional Trails Specialist

For GMS Access and Reimbursements:

Grants Manager

For RTP and Trails program information

Trails Program Manager

Additional Training and guidance will be available for the Final Application cycle.

Check our website for details: Trails.nc.gov

