

RICRMC Coastal and Estuarine Habitat Restoration Trust Fund 2009/2010 Project Evaluation Worksheet

Reviewer: Score each statement 0-3 (0=disagree, 1=somewhat agree, 2=agree, 3=strongly agree)

Section IV. Proposal Narrative (42 points)

1. *Purpose*: The proposed project seeks to restore ecological function to an area that has been degraded by human impacts. Project goals are specific, measurable, achievable, results-oriented and time-sensitive. (score value multiplied by 2)
2. *Justification*: Habitat degradation at the proposed project site is the result of anthropogenic impacts, and is significant enough to warrant investment in restoration efforts. (score value multiplied by 2)
3. *Activities*: Proposed project activities are reasonable in scope and likely to result in significant long-term improvements to the habitat value of the project site. (score value multiplied by 2)
4. *Adverse Impacts*: (N/A for Planning Projects) An effort has been made to identify any potential adverse impacts resulting from project activities, and to minimize those impacts.
5. *Public Support/Benefits*: An effort has been made to gain support for the proposed project from the surrounding community including adjacent landowners and other stakeholders. Public outreach and education efforts (e.g. interpretive signage, workshops) have been planned and/or implemented.
6. *Economic Benefits*: It has been demonstrated that the proposed project will result in significant economic benefits to the surrounding community and/or the state.
7. *Planning Consistency/Restoration Priority*: The project is consistent with the goals of one or more local, state or regional planning initiatives. The project involves one or more state, regional or federal priority habitat needs or special considerations.
8. *Species of Concern*: The project is likely to result in benefits to wildlife species listed as federally or state endangered, threatened, or species of concern within Rhode Island.
9. *Permitting*: Necessary federal, state and/or local permits have been identified, and are likely to be granted.
10. *Capacity of Lead Organization*: The lead and/or partner organization(s) have demonstrated their capacity to successfully complete the proposed project. The lead and/or partner organization(s) have successfully completed previous habitat restoration projects similar to the type proposed.

Section V. Evaluating Project Success (6 points)

1. *Outcomes*: The proposal lists well-defined deliverables. The proposed project will result in habitat quality improvement in both the short (1-3 years) and long-term (5+ years).
2. *Performance Measures*: Specific performance measures have been identified and will be used to determine the success of the project.

Section VI. Sustainability (N/A for Planning Projects) (12 points)

1. *Lifespan:* The estimated lifespan of planned restoration activities is at least 15 years.
2. *External Factors:* An effort has been made to identify external factors that could reduce the likelihood of achieving project goals. Steps have been planned / taken to address these factors.
3. *Maintenance:* All long-term operation and maintenance requirements have been identified. Responsibility has been assigned for all future O & M activities. Funding and/or in-kind contributions have been secured for all future O & M activities.
4. *Additional Measures:* Additional measures, such as the acquisition of conservation easements have been taken to ensure the long-term success of the project.

Sections VII and VIII. Project Budget (6 points)

1. All likely project expenses have been identified and sufficient detail included in the project budget and budget narrative. The proposed budget is realistic, given project needs and timeframe.
2. Matching funds and/or in-kind contributions have been secured. (no match=0, up to 25%=1, 25-50%=2, 50-100%=3)

Section IX. Schedule and Work Plan (6 points)

1. The proposed schedule and work plan are reasonable.
2. The proposed project will be completed within 2 years of the award date.

Section X. Monitoring Plan (6 points)

1. A detailed monitoring plan has been included with the proposal that includes both pre- and post-project monitoring activities. The parameters to be monitored are directly related to the project goals set forth in the proposal.
2. Responsibility for all monitoring activities has been assigned. Funding and/or in-kind contributions for monitoring activities have been identified and/or secured.