

**Region 3 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Fisheries Operational Needs System database (FONS)
Entry Form and Proposal Template**

All projects considered for funding under the National Fish Habitat Action Plan must be entered into the online FONS system by a qualified FWS employee. The proposal template is divided into 2 sections. Please do not change the format in either section. Information supplied by the applicant in the first section will be entered into the FONS database. Information supplied in section 2 is additional information needed to adequately rank each project and for reporting purposes. Sections 1 and 2 will be scored and summed for overall ranking. Please supply the necessary information in **MS Word format *only* and send electronically to louise_mauldin@fws.gov**. When submitting the proposal electronically, please re-title the file to include project stream name. If submitting more than one application please ensure that each proposal displays its uniqueness. Limit: 1 application per applicant.

Deadline: October 4, 2010.

Contact Information:

Project Officer:

Name _____
Affiliation _____
Mailing address _____
email address _____
phone number _____

Project Co-Officer

Name _____
Affiliation _____
Mailing address _____
email address _____
phone number _____

Title of the project: (max chars: 100) *Title must contain the initials DARE (Driftless Area Restoration Effort), river/stream name and abbreviation of the state the project is located in. Example: Black River DARE Habitat Improvement Project, Wisconsin*

Location:

Watershed or subwatershed name

Name of stream/river, County, State

Township, Section, and Range
and

GPS coordinates (upper end of project area):

Lat: _____ Long: _____ decimal degrees (NAD-1983) or
UTM Northing: _____ Easting: _____

Record Congressional District(s):

(Supply the State with District #)

NFHAP USFWS funding request:

Project total:

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Section 1:

PROJECT SUMMARY

*Please do not exceed the maximum number of characters (including spaces) allotted for the following inquiries.

State the proposed accomplishment summary: (max chars: 500). *Acronyms DARE and NFHAP must be contained in the summary.*

Description:

State the importance of the project to the resource. (max chars: 350)

State the problem and the specific cause of the problem. (max chars: 350)

State the objective of the project with reference to the problem. (max chars: 350)

State the method applied to accomplish the objective. (max chars: 350)

How many miles of stream or acres will be restored or enhanced by the project?

Number of in-stream miles restored/enhanced _____
Number of riparian miles restored/enhanced _____ (sum of sections on both sides of bank)
Wetland acres restored/enhanced _____
Upland acres restored _____
Other habitat type restored/enhanced _____ (specify)

Number of Management populations assessed _____
Total number of miles of in-stream/shoreline habitat assessed _____
Number of acres of upland habitat assessed _____
Number of acres of wetland habitat assessed _____
Total number of fish passage barriers removed or bypassed _____
Number of miles re-opened to fish passage _____
Number of acres re-opened to fish passage _____

Primary native species

[Name primary native fish species that will directly benefit from project activities.]

Single species may be listed
or
Multiple species may be listed that would have equal benefits

Secondary species

Please list native species of current fish community, not listed above, that will directly benefit from project activities.

Please list native invertebrate, mussel, crayfish, amphibian, and reptile species that are expected to benefit from project activities.

Other species/communities

Please list other species and or aquatic/terrestrial communities that may benefit from project activities (ie. wetland or prairie plant species, etc.)

Proposed Partners:

Partner Contribution

[Please list specific partner names and proposed contributions, including in-kind service]

Note: List program or grant dollars with specific partner name.

Contributing Partner	Partner category	Project Need Addressed	Cash	In-kind	Total Amount
Wisconsin DNR (River grant) (Trout stamp)	state	Technical expertise Construction Purchase of materials	10,000 10,000	5,000	25,000
NRCS (WHIP)	federal	Upland BMP	30,000		30,000
Landowner	private	Upland BMP	5,000		5,000
XX TU Chapter	NGO (national)	Construction of lunkers Workdays	5,000	10,000	15,000
University XXX	academic institution	Monitoring		2,500	2,500
Excel Energy	business	Purchase of materials	2,000		2,000
USFWS cost request	federal	Purchase of rock/ materials	13,000		13,000
					XXX.XX

Note: Please try to account for all proposed partners and their cash and in-kind contributions.

Project Completion

Please place an "X" next to the time period in which on-the-ground work is proposed to be complete from time of receiving funds(usually summer).

Will on-the-ground work be complete in 6 months _____
 12 months _____
 18 months _____

What is your approximate start date for this project _____ (indicate month/year)

Have the endangered resources review (state DNR) or historic/cultural resource review (SHPO) been completed for this project prior to making funding request? _____

If yes, please supply all appropriate documentation.

Any organization or individual seeking funding through this federal funding source is fully responsible for completing all NEPA documentation and necessary action.

(Optional) State additional information pertinent to adequately describe the importance and/or urgency of completing the project. (max chars: 1250)

- Use this opportunity to explain the relationship between the project and the appropriate FHP, strategic plan, state wildlife Action Plans, and other pertinent management plans.
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Section 2: Project Proposal Template

Stream and watershed level planning

Please provide any background information necessary to adequately address the below questions.

- 1) What are the overarching problems on the project stream and the root causes?

- 2) What are the impacts of those problems to the stream and its biota?

- 3) Is the proposed project part of a larger restoration effort on the stream or in the watershed? If so, what are the general stream or watershed goals or please provide the citation and/or web link to the stream or watershed strategic or management plan.

- 4) What is the current land use in the project area and watershed?

- 5) If applicable, what are the proposed riparian land protection/restoration efforts in and adjacent to the project area that will help ensure long term benefits?

- 6) What are the current/future plans for upland conservation/Best Management Practices in the watershed?

- 7) If applicable, how does the project address climate change adaptation.

Project monitoring and evaluation

Accountability-Monitoring and/or pre-post project evaluation for NFHAP projects.

- 8) Briefly explain which physical, chemical and/or biological components are currently being monitored and name the partners conducting the monitoring.

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9) Please explain which indices will be used to evaluate target fish population response to habitat work at the project or stream level. (# target species/mile, #YOY target species/mile, IBI scores)

Proposed work and scope

Bullets may be used to answer the below questions.

10) Please state clear measurable objectives for proposed project

11) Please provide general methods or techniques that will be used to accomplish the above objectives.

Outreach and education

12) Will the project have an outreach or educational component (demonstration project for landowners in watershed, outdoor classroom, video, training session, work day(s) etc.)? If yes, please explain what activities are proposed and the partners involved.

13) Are there any unique aspects about this particular project? (new innovative techniques or methods). If yes, briefly explain.

Public interest

14) Is there a stream/river designation or fishery/management designation identified by a federal or state natural resource agency? (*i.e. High quality, Class I, protected stream/segment, 303d listed, biologically significant*). Please state designation if known.

15) How will this project enhance recreational fishing?

16) Land ownership at project location (*check all that apply for project area*)

Federal ____ State____ County____ City____ Private____ Other____

Conservation Easements

17) Conservation easement purchased or in process of purchase? Yes ____ NO ____ (*check one*)

If you answered yes above, is it a new or existing easement? New__ Existing__ (*check one*)

Is the easement perpetual? Yes____ No____ (*check one*)

If no, what is the length of easement _____ (years)

MAP OF PROJECT AREA (one only)

Please provide one map of the project area:

- Color or black and white
- Showing scope and location of project

PHOTOGRAPH(S) OF PROJECT AREA (required)

Please attach (no more than 2) pictures of the project area with photo credits and a. Each photo should be in JPG, TIFF, GIF, or WMF and accompanied by:

- A short, descriptive caption
- Credit: Photographer's name/organization

Documents:

DOCUMENTS: Please attach appropriate planning documents, work plans, construction designs, maps etc. in PDF format.

Attachment A.

DARE priority fish species:

Coldwater streams	Coolwater streams	Warmwater streams
Brook trout	Largescale stoneroller	Smallmouth bass
*Brown trout	Ozark minnow	Crystal darter
Mottled sculpin/ Slimy sculpin	Longnose dace	
American brook lamprey	Blacknose dace	
	Redside dace	
	Smallmouth bass	

* For NFHAP funding consideration, the primary species to benefit must be a native species

Priority state conservation need species listed in state wildlife action plans.

Amphibians	Reptiles	Mussels	Birds
Pickerel frog	Wood turtle	Slipperyshell	Louisiana waterthrush
Blanchard's cricket frog	Blanding's turtle	Black sandshell	Wood duck
Four-toed salamander		Ellipse	