



Restoration & Resilience COVID Recovery Fund: Project Categories and Metrics

- 1. Conservation Projects** – Conservation projects are designed to address real-world environmental concerns. Projects in this category should aim to help to protect biodiversity, wildlife, wild places or endangered species. Projects may include specific activities such as tree planting, invasive species removal, data collection, and/or environmental monitoring. These types of projects typically produce conservation outcomes such as area of invasive removed, number of natives planted, or area of habitat created or enhanced.

Metrics:

- Acres of land impacted by the project
- Sq. Ft. of Invasive Species Removed
- Lbs. of Trash Removed
- Miles of Trails Enhanced or Restored
- Miles of Waterways Restored or Maintained
- Number of sites being monitored
- Type and number of endemic species impacted
- Type and number of threatened/endangered/vulnerable species impacted
- Number of native trees, shrubs, and flowers planted
- Number of participant events hosted
- Number of participants engaged

Questions Specific to this Project Type:

- Describe how this facility, park, or area, was negatively impacted by COVID.
- What benefit will this project give to the community?
- Please describe the environmental issue(s) that this project addressed?
- How did your project address the environmental issue(s)? Please be as specific as possible.

- 2. Accessibility Projects** – These are projects that are designed to increase access to public lands. This project type may seek to increase access for the general public or for a specific segment such as people with disabilities. Projects should focus on increasing access to public lands via the built environment such as trails, boat ramps, and other public access points—as well as inclusive programming designed to breakdown social barriers to access. If the project targets people with disabilities, please ensure that you are following guidance related to ADA compliance: <http://accessadvocates.com/parks-recreation-still-require-ada-compliance/>

Metrics:

- Acres of land impacted by the project
- Sq. Ft. of Invasive Species Removed
- Lbs. of Trash Removed



- Miles of Trails Enhanced or Restored
- Miles of Waterways Enhanced or Restored
- Number of accessibility enhancements (sidewalks, ramps, boat launches, etc.)
- Number of accessibility programs created due to change in visitor demographics related to COVID
- Number of participant events hosted
- Number of participants engaged

Questions Specific to this Project Type:

- Describe how this facility, park, area, was negatively impacted by COVID.
- What benefit will this project give to the community?
- Number of potential visitors who have been informed of the accessibility upgrade (news announcement, social media post, etc.)
- Did the accessibility project target specific demographic, such as people with physical disabilities? If so, how?
- How will you tell people who might not have been able to access your park previously about the accessibility enhancements you've made?

- 3. Maintenance Projects** – Supports projects that are designed to restore or enhance park infrastructure. Park infrastructure includes any of the basic facilities (e.g. buildings, fences) and physical amenities (e.g. restrooms, picnic tables) utilized on the public land space. Specific activities include repairs or maintenance on roads, buildings, utility systems, and/or enhancements to facilities such as nature centers, pavilions, parking lots, etc.

Metrics:

- Sq. Ft. of Land Enhanced or Restored
- Sq. Ft. of Invasive Species Removed
- Lbs. of Trash Collected
- Miles of Trails Enhanced or Restored
- Miles of Waterways Enhanced or Restored
- Number of Facilities Enhanced or Restored (restrooms, visitor centers, nature centers, sports fields, etc.)
- Number of Infrastructure Enhanced or Restored (such as benches, bridges, flagpoles, etc.)
- Number of participant events hosted
- Number of participants engaged

Questions Specific to this Project Type:

- Describe how this facility, park, area, was negatively impacted by COVID.
- What benefit will this project give to the community?
- Why was this project important? What was the specific 'need' that this project addressed? Please include as much information including any maintenance backlogs reports, etc.



- 4. Cultural and Historical Preservation Projects** – This project category includes projects that are focused on preserving public land sites that hold historic and/or cultural value. Preservation projects include a wide range of activities from bricks-and-mortar rehabilitation to neighborhood surveys and documentation efforts.

Metrics:

- Sq. Ft. of Land Enhanced or Restored
- Sq. Ft. of Invasive Species Removed
- Lbs. of Trash Collected
- Miles of Trails Enhanced or Restored
- Miles of Waterways Enhanced or Restored
- Number of Facilities Enhanced or Restored (as they relate to the cultural and historical preservation initiative)
- Number of Infrastructure Enhanced or Restored (as they relate to the cultural and historical preservation initiative)
- Number of participant events hosted
- Number of participants engaged

Questions Specific to this Project Type:

- Describe how this facility, park, area, was negatively impacted by COVID.
- What benefit will this project give to the community?
- Summarize the results of the project accomplished with this funding. (NPS Historic Fund)
- If applicable, describe how this project contributes to a larger community/tribe/city/regional/state comprehensive, preservation, tourism, or economic revitalization plan/initiative. (NPS Historic Fund)
- What future public outreach activities are planned to increase the public's knowledge of and access to the work completed with this funding? (NPS Historic Fund)