Request for Proposals:

HOUSATONIC RIVER NATURAL RESOURCES RESTORATION PROJECT
CONNECTICUT SUBCOUNCIL REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Part A: RESPONDER AND PROJECT SUMMARY FORM

Please read "RFP: Overview of Selection Process" before completing this form.

Part A must be completed using Submittal Form A.
Responses may be entered electronically using the Microsoft Word version of Part A of this form available on the Housatonic River Basin Natural Resource Restoration Project in Connecticut website (www.housatonicrestoration.org), saved and printed. Alternatively, the responder may print the form and complete it with black ink.
An Adobe Acrobat version of the entire form (Part A and Part B) is also available on the Housatonic River Basin Natural Resource Restoration Project in Connecticut website.

Project Name: Provide a brief working name.

Schaghticoke Indian Reservation Car Top Boat, Canoe, Kayak Access Ramp

Responser - if there is more than one party involved in the project, please provide the information for the primary or lead party.

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Type of Entity
Check the box that best describes the primary respondent.

- Private individual
- Non-profit organization
- Municipal government
- State government
- County government
- Federal government
- Tribal government
- Corporation or Business
- Academic Institution
- Other (explain)

Project Implementation
Does the responder plan to be the Project Sponsor and respond to the Request for Supplemental Information (RSI) pending approval of this Proposal?

[ ] Yes [ ] No

If yes, please list any other project participants. Letter of Support - Housatonic Valley Association

If the responder does NOT plan to be the Project Sponsor and does NOT intend to respond to the Request for Supplemental Information (RSI), is the responder interested in being a project participant and assisting a different Project Sponsor on this project?

[ ] Yes [ ] No
Report for Proposals:

Restoration Priority Funding Category  See Sec. 3 of “RFP: Overview of Selection Process” for category descriptions.

Primary Restoration Category. Check the restoration category that is the primary goal of the project. Check one box.

- Aquatic Natural Resources Restoration/Enhancement
- Riparian & Floodplain Natural Resources Restoration/Enhancement
- Restoration/Enhancement of Recreational Uses of Natural Resources

Secondary Categories. Check all relevant boxes.

- Aquatic Natural Resources Restoration/Enhancement
- Riparian & Floodplain Natural Resources Restoration/Enhancement
- Restoration/Enhancement of Recreational Uses of Natural Resources

List Specific Injured Natural Resources and/or Impaired Natural Resource Services to Benefit from Project

Title of Project:
The Schaghticoke Indian Reservation has no viable access to the Housatonic River for any recreational purposes. There is one point of entry which was our tribal cemetery at one time until the river was expanded with the hydroelectric dam projects in the 1900s. The cemetery is still under water.

Project Location (if known) See directions and “RFP: Overview of Selection Process” for additional materials to provide (maps, aerial photographs)

Municipality(ies): Schaghticoke Indian Reservation - Kent CT

Longitude for approximate center of project area: 41° 41' 15.46" North

Latitude for approximate center of project area: 73° 30' 12.49" West

Project Budget Estimate (if known)

Total Project Cost Estimate: $2,000,000 - $3,000,000

Housatonic River NRD Fund Estimate: $2,000,000 - $3,000,000
SCHAGHTICOKE - BOAT - CANOE - INDIAN RESERVATION ACCESS
Housatonic River Natural Resources Restoration Project
Schaghticoke Indian Reservation
Kent Connecticut
Project Proposal-Schaghticoke Indian Reservation Car Top Boat-Canoe-Kayak Access Ramp

Eligibility Criteria Statements

1. Yes-The proposal has the necessary information provided to meet the requirements for eligibility. This project has listed all materials needed to complete it and reasons for doing it. If the project is accepted for a grant then the next steps would be to get any supplemental information requested or needed for the materials to be used.

2. Yes-This project would allow Schaghticoke tribal members to get easier access to the river for recreational use of the environment. In doing this then a natural resource for land use would be available. Because of the existing condition of where the original cemetery lies and the sediment that has collected there, this proposal would restore, rehabilitate and replace a area that tribal members could use. With PCB's being buried in sediment, it would be better to relocate a access area where there would be no disturbance.

3. No-The proposed project is not required or enforced under any federal, state or local laws. There is no enforcement actions needed for this. One part of this project would promote public safety with fire department access.

4. No-There is no law or policy which would be inconsistent with this project. Being that this project is being done on tribal land there should be no conflict. Any wetlands agencies for either the Town of Kent or the State of Connecticut-DEP-Waterways Division would be included in this if necessary.

5. No-The project will have nothing to do with any ongoing or anticipated remedial actions on the Housatonic Watershed. This project would avoid any such action by its location.
PROJECT NARRATIVE FOR CAR TOP BOAT-CANOE-KAYAK
ACCESS RAMP PROPOSAL
(January 16, 2007)

Housatonic River Natural Resources Restoration Project
Schaghticoke Indian Reservation
Kent Connecticut

1. Project Goals and Objectives
The primary goal for this proposal is to give tribal members access to the Housatonic River for recreational purposes. There is no viable access for tribal members to use any kind of small boat or canoe on the river. Access now is to try to carry a boat or canoe through dense brush and trees which have grown through the years. Once getting to the shore it is difficult to launch into the water with no clear path. A secondary goal is to provide a clear area for tribal members who are disabled but still want to fish. The situation is extremely hard for our disabled tribal members to get into any area along the reservation near the water. Clearing trees and brush can be done to get access but a base must be established for walking capabilities.

2. Project Benefits
The Schaghticoke Indian Reservation has presently one area that could be used for access to the river. This area has formed a small cove over the years and is filling in with sediment from past flooding. The cove which then empties through a small channel into the river has become so shallow that even a canoe or kayak has no way of getting through. This entire area is also where the tribe’s cemetery is. On July 29, 1905 it was reported in the Litchfield Enquirer that tribal members were removing bodies from this area because of the opening of the new hydroelectric dam at Bulls Bridge. Tribal members were able to move some of the bodies before the high water reached the cemetery location but not all the bodies were removed. There is a cemetery that the tribe uses presently and it was at this place that the remains were moved to. So this area that has little access to the river should not be disturbed since it is still considered a cemetery for the tribe. Another point is any disturbance of the sediment in place would bring cause to remediation and not restoration. The new project area would be south of this location in a area that would be close to the road and the water. There would be no soil or
sediment removal involved in this. Another proposal has been applied for which would involve a fire department standpipe. This project if granted could be placed in the same area as the proposed boat access area. Both would serve the needs of the tribe and also give the fire department access to the river for any water related emergencies.

3. General Tasks
Tasks involved would be for the tribal members to clear an area from the road to the river of brush and cut down as few trees as possible to get an area for a width of a car or pickup truck which would be 8-10 feet to park off the road. Once the area was cleared then crushed stone and gravel can be spread so the area is level. Existing tree stumps can be cut down to the ground surface and then the stone material can be applied. The second task would be to have a type of wood fence installed on both sides of this area with wooden gate so tribal members would use of this area. The Kent Fire Department would have full access to this area also.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Joseph C. Velky, Jr. Secretary
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