

Habitat Restoration Project Prioritization - Draft for Public Input

General Project Checklist (Required for All Projects based on BIL Funding Source)	
Located within the Long Island Sound Study (LISS) Coastal Boundary (except for fish passage projects)	
Accelerate and implement Long Island Sound Study's Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP)	
Build adaptive capacity of ecosystems and communities (climate resiliency)	
Demonstrated willingness of landowner	

Prioritization Criteria (Each parameter has different weights)	
Ecological Value	55
Restores one or more of the LISS 12 priority coastal habitat types	10
Restores one or more of the 10 key habitats described in CT's Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy	10
Eliminates or decreases threats to Species of Greatest Conservation Need (sea level rise, invasive species, development, etc.), especially those that rely on near shore coastal islands, rare species habitat	10
Reflects coastal priority areas identified in local, tribal, regional or state plans (CT Green Plan, CT's Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program plan, CT SWAP Plan, LISS CCMP)	10
Project site is geographically contiguous to other protected areas and/or high priority habitat	10
Increases coastal habitat acres restored	5
Climate	10
Project factored in anticipated climate change effects - designed to promote long-term sustainability of relevant habitats (e.g., beach/dune, coastal grassland, etc.), and to enhance the site's capacity for resilience to climate change and sea level rise	5
Project supports the migration of marshes	5
Environmental Justice (EJ) and Community Impact	25
Provides demonstrated benefit to an Environmental Justice Community DEEP Connecticut Environmental Justice Communities map	5
Project demonstrates engagement with local EJ Community through benefits, partnerships, or consultation	5
Project addresses the heightened vulnerabilities and disproportionate impacts that EJ communities face in relation to lack of coastal access, increased coastal hazards, and increased effects of climate change	5
Project provides additional public co-benefits directly addressing a community resilience need or known hazard, such as flood mitigation, passive public coastal access, enhanced quality of life, etc.	10
Project Details & Readiness	10
Restoration planning or implementation already in progress	1
Project likely to be completed within the requested award period	2
Project is ready for implementation - fully designed, fully permitted	1
Budget request in reasonable and justified	2
Involved the appropriate partners to execute the project	1
Community level support and engagement present	2
Includes a long-term plan for monitoring and/or management	2

Total 100