

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.

WATERFOWL - WOODCOCK Study FOR HABITAT CREATION - ON SCHAUBATIOWIC
INDIAN RESERVATION

Responder - 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)

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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. (IF POSSIBLE WORK WITH CT DEP BIOLOGISTS)

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

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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

WATERFOWL / MIGRATORY BIRDS (WOODCOCK) - STUDY population AND IF POSSIBLE - ENHANCE IT - THIS WOULD INCLUDE THE RUFFLED GROUSE population on the reservation

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

Municipality/ies: SCHAGHTICOKE RESERVATION SCHAGHTICOKE RESERVATION

Longitude for approximate center of project area: 41°-41'15.46" NORTH 41°-41'21.93" NORTH

Latitude for approximate center of project area: 73°30'12.49" WEST 73°29'56.64" WEST

SCHAGHTICOKE ROAD

Project Budget Estimate (if known)

Total Project Cost Estimate: \$ 2000.00 - 3000.00

Housatonic River NRD Fund Estimate: \$ 2000.00 - 3000.00



Housatonic River Natural Resources Restoration Project
Schaghticoke Indian Reservation
Kent Connecticut
Project Proposal-Waterfowl-Migratory Bird Study For Habitat Creation On Schaghticoke Indian
Reservation

Eligibility Criteria Statements

1.Yes-The proposal has the necessary information provided to meet the requirements for eligibility.Letters of support will be provided when the agencies interested in this project have completed them.The agencies involved would be the last step in this proposal in securing studies to be done.

2.Yes-This project would restore or replace wild bird populations along the reservation and Housatonic Watershed area.If the release of PCB's into the river over the years has caused the population to lessen then the studies for habitat creation would show this.

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.If anything the project will enhance the environment which could be protected by federal, state or local laws.

4.No-There is no law or policy which would be inconsistent with this project.The bird species described are protected uunder Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection Guidelines and state laws.

5.No-The project will have nothing to do with any ongoing or anticipated remedial actions in the Housatonic Watershed.The project will be as minimal as possible to any environmental concerns.



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**PROJECT NARRATIVE FOR WATERFOWL-MIGRATORY BIRD
STUDY FOR HABITAT CREATION PROPOSAL WITH CRITERIA
STATEMENTS
(January 16, 2007)**

Housatonic River Natural Resources Restoration Project
Schaghticoke Indian Reservation
Kent, Connecticut

The Schaghticoke Tribal Nation Environmental Committee (STNEC) proposes the following:

1. Project Goals and Objectives

The primary goals for this proposal would be to study and enhance the population of bird species on the Schaghticoke Indian Reservation. Bird populations of ducks, Woodcock and Ruffed Grouse over the years have dwindled down. Woodcock and Ruffed Grouse especially which were abundant and thriving on the reservation are not seen anymore. The Ruffed Grouse in the State of Connecticut in particular are under a watch because of their populations getting smaller. Duck populations along the Housatonic River near the reservation could also be studied for effects from PCB contamination since remediation has started in Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

2. Project Benefits

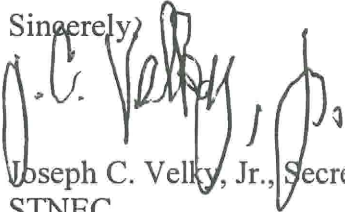
Wild bird and fowl populations along the reservation have gone from being plentiful to almost scarce. The last reported sighting of Ruffed Grouse or Woodcock on the reservation by a tribal member was at least 3 years ago. The duck population along the reservation probably has not been watched since PCB's were first announced in the 70's and testing was done to see the effects of PCB's on them. Any study of these species with possible habitat creation and enhancement would benefit the environment and the Reservation. The major benefit would be for any group involved in this study would have access to reservation land and working with tribal members to improve it.



3. General Tasks

The tasks involved would be to create studies on these bird populations working with biologists and agencies that are involved in bird studies. A goal would be to work with Connecticut's Department of Environmental Protection Wildlife Division or Ducks Unlimited to have the experienced people help tribal members with this work. After these studies were done then habitat creation could be done on the reservation by increasing the bird populations through a "stocking" program similar to what the Department of Environmental Protection does on its state lands. Provide nesting materials for the birds that could be missing from the environment which has caused a reduction of the population. The reservation had a major forest fire in 2002 and it burned about 500 acres which eliminated much ground nesting materials for Ruffed Grouse in the area. For the duck populations along the river provide duck houses for the species that would use them. Tribal members would do the majority of this work and in the future maintain anything that was done. Agencies that are being considered have been contacted for any help in this project. If no studies could be done then at least the bird population could be enhanced with the "stocking program" and the nesting work. The State of Connecticut-Department of Environmental Protection-Wildlife Management Division in Franklin, Connecticut will provide technical assistance in this project.

Sincerely,



Joseph C. Velky, Jr., Secretary
STNEC