

## **Northeast Forests and Rivers Fund 2025 RFP: Appendix A**

<b>Project Activity</b>	<b>Recommended Metric</b>	<b>Additional Guidance</b>
<b>Restore Stream and Riparian Habitats</b>		
Priority 1: Restore aquatic connectivity	NE Watersheds - Fish passage improvements - # passage barriers rectified	Enter the number of fish passage barriers rectified. In <b>NOTES</b> section, indicate any species that are specifically targeted by the project.
	NE Watersheds – Fish passage improvements - # miles of stream opened	Enter the number of miles of stream opened. Only include the miles of main stem & smaller tributaries connected until the next barrier upstream (or headwaters), but NOT lakes, ponds, or distance downstream from the barrier removed. Only use this metric for barriers that are actually rectified through the project, NOT barriers that are only assessed or planned. In <b>NOTES</b> section, indicate any species that are specifically targeted by the project.
	NE Watersheds - Fish passage improvements - Acres of lake habitat opened	Enter the number of acres of lake/pond habitat opened. Only use this metric for barriers that are actually rectified through the project, NOT barriers that are only assessed or planned. In <b>NOTES</b> section, indicate any species that are specifically targeted by the project.
	NE Watersheds - Fish passage improvements - # of barriers assessed and/or with design plans	Enter the number of passage barriers assessed and/or with design plans. A barrier is any artificial in-stream structure (e.g., culverts, dams, dikes, fords, pipes, weirs) that may obstruct aquatic organism passage. In <b>NOTES</b> section state what species(s) is targeted.
Priority 2: Restore Riparian Habitat and In-stream Habitat	NE Watersheds – Land, wetland restoration- # of trees planted	Enter # of TREES planted. In the NOTES section state the density (trees per acre), expected mortality (%), landcover type prior to planting (barren, cropland, grass, shrub), # of acres, and forest type planted (broadleaf, conifer, swamp-either broadleaf or conifer, shrub).
	NE Watersheds - Riparian restoration - Miles restored	Enter the number of miles of riparian restoration with a minimum width of 35 feet. This metric should count the same activity as "riparian restoration - acres restored". In NOTES section, indicate any species that are specifically targeted by the project.
	NE Watersheds - Riparian restoration - Acres restored	Enter number acres of riparian restoration. This metric should count the same activity as "riparian restoration - miles restored". In NOTES section, indicate any species that are specifically targeted by the project.
	NE Watersheds - Instream restoration - Miles restored	Enter the number of miles restored in-stream (large wood additions). In <b>NOTES</b> section, indicate any species that are specifically targeted by the project.
	NE Watersheds - Wetland restoration - Acres restored	Enter # acres of wetland restored. Refers to non-tidal freshwater WETLAND (not riparian or instream) habitat restored. In the NOTES, specify landcover before restoration (Marsh, Wet meadow, Swamp) and % of vegetation on pre-project site (0-20%, 21-40%, 41-60%, 61-80%, 81-100%)

Priority 3: Reduce Agricultural Runoff and Improve Soil Health	NE Watersheds - Improved management practices - Grazing management	Enter the number of acres with managed grazing (i.e., grazing approaches to optimize stocking rates, livestock rotations, utilization rates, and plant rest and recovery, including development of grazing infrastructure). In the Notes, describe the practice.
	NE Watersheds - BMP implementation for nutrient or sediment reduction - Acres with conservation tillage	Enter the number of cropland acres with conservation tillage practices. Please describe conservation tillage practices in the NOTES section.
	NE Watersheds - BMP implementation for livestock fencing - Miles of fencing installed	Enter the number of miles of fencing installed.
	NE Watersheds - BMP implementation for nutrient or sediment reduction - Acres with cover crops	Enter the number of cropland acres with cover crops practices. Please describe the cover crop practices in the NOTES section.
	NE Watersheds - BMP implementation for nutrient or sediment reduction - Acres with enhanced nutrient mgt	Enter the number of cropland acres with enhanced nutrient management practices other than or in addition to conservation tillage or cover crops. Please describe the nutrient management practices in the NOTES section.
	NE Watersheds - BMP implementation for livestock manure - Tons of manure	Enter the tons of manure converted to value-added products, for example biochar and other fertilizers, etc.
	NE Watersheds - BMP implementation for nutrient or sediment reduction - Acres with BMPs	Enter the number of acres with Best Management Practices (BMPs) implemented. If you are implementing BMPs for conservation tillage, cover crops or enhanced nutrient management please choose the specific metric for each of those BMPs. In NOTES indicate the type of BMP(s) you are implementing).
	NE Watersheds – Number of people reached	Enter the number of landowners who respond to outreach by requesting information, inquiring about how to get assistance, signing up for a workshop, etc. In <b>NOTES</b> section indicate the number of acres owned by the landowners reached.
	NE Watersheds – Outreach//Technical Assistance - # of people with changed behavior	Enter the number of landowners and/or land managers who demonstrated changed behavior by applying land management recommendations from a professional.

Improve Upland Forest Health		
Priority 4: Forest Block Planning and Restoration	NE Watersheds - Forest Management Planning - # of acres covered by dynamic forest plans	Enter the total acres covered by new forest block or parcel scale forest management plans.
	NE Watersheds - Improved management practices - Acres under improved management	Enter the number of acres of forest management implemented to enhance forest habitat. If your management practices include any ESF work we expect you to also choose the "acres improved" metric for ESF. In <b>NOTES</b> section, indicate successional stage and any species that are specifically targeted by the project.
Priority 5: Young Forest Restoration	NE Watersheds - Early successional forest - Improved management practices - Acres under improved management	Enter the number of acres under improved management for early successional forest.
Priority 6: Outreach and Technical Assistance	NE Watersheds - Outreach/ Technical Assistance - # people reached	Enter the number of landowners who respond to outreach by requesting information, inquiring about how to get assistance, signing up for a workshop, etc. In <b>NOTES</b> section indicate the number of acres owned by the landowners reached.
	NE Watersheds – Outreach/Technical Assistance - # of people with changed behavior	Enter the number of landowners and/or land managers who demonstrated changed behavior by applying land management recommendations from a professional.
Increase Grassland Bird Habitat		
Priority 7: Grassland Management on Hayfields	NE Watersheds - Bobolink - Improved management practices - Acres under improved management	Enter # of grassland acres with improved management for bobolink (annually)
	NE Watersheds - Outreach/ Technical Assistance - # people reached	Enter the number of landowners who respond to outreach by requesting information, inquiring about how to get assistance, signing up for a workshop, etc. In <b>NOTES</b> section indicate the number of acres owned by the landowners reached.

	NE Watersheds – Outreach/Technical Assistance - # of people with changed behavior	Enter the number of landowners and/or land managers who demonstrated changed behavior by applying land management recommendations from a professional.
<b>Other Activities</b>		
Restore Pollinator Habitat	NE Watersheds – Land Restoration – Acres restored	Enter # acres of habitat restored. In the NOTES, specify landcover prior to restoration (barren, cropland, grass, shrub) and post-restoration (broadleaf, conifer, grassland, shrubland, marsh, wet meadow, swamp, seagrass).
	NE Watersheds - Land Restoration - Acres of field buffers created	Enter the # of acres of FIELD BUFFER created. In the NOTES section, specify the landcover type prior to planting (barren, cropland, grassland), and the dominant vegetation being planted (Broadleaf, Conifer, Shrub, Grass, Marsh, Wet meadow, Swamp).
Land Protection	NE Watersheds - Conservation easements - Acres protected under easement	Enter the number of acres protected under long-term easement (permanent or >30-yr). Assuming the specific parcel(s) has been identified, in the NOTES indicate what % of natural land cover would have been cleared in the absence of the easement(s).
	NE Watersheds - Land acquisitions - Acres acquired in fee	Enter # acres acquired in fee. If the parcel has been identified, in the NOTES indicate whether there is a competing offer (Yes/No) or potential zoning change (Yes/No), and what % of natural land cover would be cleared in the absence of the acquisition(s).
Conduct Native Trout Inventory and Assessments	NE Watersheds - Eastern Brook Trout - Research - # sites assessed	Enter the number of eastern brook trout population patches being assessed.
Monitor Native Trout and River Herring	NE Watersheds – Monitoring – Miles being monitored	Enter the number of miles being monitored for brook trout and/or river herring. In <b>NOTES</b> section, indicate whether it is brook trout and/or river herring that is specifically monitored by the project.
Monitoring - multiple species	NE Watersheds - Acres monitored	Enter the number of acres being monitored. In <b>NOTES</b> section, indicate any specific species targeted
Monitoring - multiple species	NE Watersheds - Monitoring - # monitoring programs	Enter the number of monitoring programs established or underway. In <b>Notes</b> indicate any specific species targeted
Engaging volunteers in restoration activities	NE Watersheds – Volunteer Participation -# volunteers participating	Enter the number of volunteers participating in projects.

Management Planning	NE Watersheds - Management or Governance Planning - # plans developed	Enter the number of plans developed that had input from multiple stakeholders.
	NE Watersheds - Restoration planning/design/permitting - acres restored	Enter the number of acres of salt marsh with project design and permitting completed
Research	NE Watersheds - Research - # studies used to inform mgmt	Enter # studies completed whose findings are used to adapt management/ inform management decisions.
Tools Developed	NE Watersheds - Tool development for decision-making - # tools developed	Enter the number of forest management decision support tools that encourage landscape level planning to manage for an appropriate mix of age and structural diversity.
Economic Benefits	NE Watersheds - # jobs created	Enter the # of individuals hired to directly work on the project (non-volunteers). Jobs should be directly engaged in grant activities, funded by the grant, and shouldn't have existed prior to the grant. In the notes, provide the FTE for the jobs created. If applicable, in the NOTES section report the number of new jobs created for people in the Historically Underserved or Special Emphasis categories.
<b>Species Outcomes - Wildlife population monitoring</b>		
<b>*Please consult with NFWF staff if you plan to conduct wildlife outcome monitoring and plan to use the metrics below</b>		
Brook trout	NE Watersheds - # of habitat units improved	Enter # of brook trout patches with increased relative abundance
Atlantic salmon	NE Watersheds - # of habitat units improved	Enter # of salmon habitat units opened.
New England cottontail	NE Watersheds - % increase in population	Enter the % population increase at the managed site(s). Average across sites if working in multiple places.
	NE Watersheds - New England Cottontail - Translocation - # Translocated/stocked	Enter the # of individuals translocated/stocked to increase abundance
Wood turtle	NE Watersheds - Wood Turtle - # of sites occupied by species	Enter the number of nesting sites protected from potential degradation or destruction from agriculture operations. Include all established or potential nesting sites found for every 500-meter stream segment.
	NE Watersheds - Wood Turtle - # individuals	Enter the # of adults at sites managed by the project.