

Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit Rivers Wild & Scenic Stewardship Council

Selecting Council Projects

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The main purpose of the Stewardship Council is to effectively implement and advance the goals of the *Stewardship Plan* in coordination with the National Park Service, Nashua River Watershed Association, local municipalities, and other key stakeholders. To accomplish this purpose, the Stewardship Council undertakes specific projects that protect and/or enhance the outstandingly remarkable biological diversity, recreational & scenic resources, and historical & cultural resources of the rivers. In choosing projects to undertake, the Council shall select high priority actions in the *Stewardship Plan*, encourage collaboration and coordination among various stakeholders, and raise public awareness about the rivers. From time to time, the Council may establish additional criteria for selecting projects.

Examples of Council or subcommittee projects include but are not limited to:

- Conservation, restoration, or enhancement of biological diversity, historical & cultural, or recreational & scenic resources;
- Research studies, resource mapping, including GIS and other technical services, that result in better resource management; and
- Targeted public education, workshops, and outreach about the rivers, their resources, and their stewardship.

Projects may be proposed by a subcommittee, voting member entity, Council member, or interested party. Proposed projects will be presented at regular Council meetings for review, discussion, and approval by the Council.

General criteria for Council Projects:

- Wild and Scenic Outstanding Resources/Goals of the *Stewardship Plan*: Does the project address the protection, enhancement, or promotion of one or more of the rivers' outstanding resource values or advance the goals laid out in the *Stewardship Plan*?
- Stewardship: Does the project strengthen relationships among towns, non-profit organizations, community groups, and/or the public to enhance local stewardship?
- Measurable Outcomes: Can we evaluate the project's effectiveness and impact relative to the project goals?
- Partnerships and Awareness: Does the project engage partners and/or raise public awareness about the rivers?
- Thoroughness of planning: Does the project plan contain enough detail to show all resources required to meet the project timeline? Is the budget reasonable?
- Leveraging of Additional Resources: Are there matching funds or in-kind contributions to the project?