

Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture Coordination and Operations FY18

2018 FWS-NFHP Funding Requested: \$90,000

Total Project Cost: \$97,686

Total Federal Matching: \$0

Total Non-Federal Matching: \$7,686

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**Coordination Completed with Sponsoring U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office
(Check One):**

 X Yes
 No

 12-11-17 Date Coordination Began

Project Description

The Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture (EBTJV) has developed a roadmap for wild Brook Trout conservation grounded in science and guided by its mission to facilitate integrated approaches to conserving healthy coldwater aquatic resources and fishable wild Brook Trout populations. We advance our mission by completing landscape-level scientific assessments on the status of wild Brook Trout and using the results of these assessments to establish key priorities that serve as a framework for collaborating and coordinating strategic conservation actions among our conservation partners. The EBTJV also provides our partners with vital decision-support tools and data management systems that are web-based and readily accessible. Additionally we foster outreach efforts that build stewardship support for conserving wild Brook Trout and we direct resources to essential on-the-ground wild Brook Trout conservation projects. In order to continue to meet these commitments, the EBTJV will conduct the following operational activities under this project:

1. Work towards achieving the EBTJV's strategic range-wide habitat goals and objective.
2. Liaise and collaborate with the National Fish Habitat Partnership, neighboring Fish Habitat Partnerships and other conservation entities to ensure that strategic conservation actions among this community are synchronized.
3. Solicit and rank fish habitat conservation projects that address priority wild Brook Trout conservation needs.
4. Coordinate and compile information on wild Brook Trout conservation activities and improvements in wild Brook Trout habitat condition for use in measuring progress towards conserving wild Brook Trout.
5. Promote the accomplishments being achieved in conserving wild Brook Trout to targeted audiences.
6. Conduct routine EBTJV business functions, including convening meetings, workshops, and/or, webinars.

Project Budget

Budget Category	Budget Request
Contractual	\$66,000
Travel	\$15,000
Indirect	\$ 9,000
Total	\$90,000