

Operational Support for the Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture

2015 FWS-NFHP Funding Requested: \$90,000

Total Project Cost: \$180,000

Total Federal Matching: \$0

Total Non-Federal Matching: \$90,000

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

Yes _____ **Date Coordination Began**
 No

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 implement the following operational strategies under this project:

1. Refine the partnership’s strategic objectives and key conservation priorities using the results of the recently completed status assessment of wild Brook Trout at the catchment scale.
2. Collaborate with neighboring Fish Habitat Partnerships and other conservation entities to ensure strategic conservation actions among this community are synchronized.
3. Support 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.

Project Budget

Budget Category	Budget Request
Contractual	\$60,000
Travel	\$30,000
Materials & Supplies	\$ 1,000
Indirect (NFWF)	\$ 9,000
Total	\$90,000

- The contractual budget request covers project coordination expenses (i.e. EBTJV Coordinator).
- The travel budget request covers expenses associated with EBTJV Coordinator travel (\$5,000) and travel expense assistance (\$25,000) to EBTJV members attending in-person Subcommittee and Steering Committee Meetings.