



CES Stewardship Planning Guidelines for Funding Proposals

Before you write your proposal...

Read through this form carefully to ensure you're familiar with the program parameters. Questions? Contact Rachel (Climate Education & Stewardship Program Manager) at rachel@greatoldbroads.org or call the national office at (970) 385-9577.

CES Program Stewardship Goals:

- 1) **Build Resilience:** Engage communities in natural resilience measures that lessen climate impacts, sequester carbon, restore ecosystem functions, prevent further degradation to public lands, or provide valuable data to identify climate impacts and inform restoration efforts.
- 2) **Engage Communities:** Reach rural and urban populations interested in or impacted by climate change, including underrepresented frontline and Indigenous communities, younger women and students, educators, and youth program leaders, thereby generating opportunities to mentor new conservation leaders.
- 3) **Inspire Action:** Empower participants to become more engaged and educated public land stewards who feel a greater sense of efficacy in combating climate change.

Essential Stewardship Project Traits:

- Stewardship projects should take place on public lands or trust lands.
- Ideally, stewardship projects involve project collaborators, such as a public land management agency or nonprofit(s) with complementary restoration and natural resource management skill sets.
- Stewardship programs must be inclusive and available to at least one community partner or the general public.

Connecting Stewardship Projects to Climate Change:

Whether the focus is on forests, waterways, coastlines, or prairies, public lands are experiencing climate impacts, as well as compounding threats (like habitat fragmentation or logging). Activities out on the land are opportunities to...

- Draw connections between ecosystem health and climate resilience,
- Build connections to the landscape and camaraderie amongst participants,
- Create a sense community and shared responsibility that inspires deeper engagement,
- And, put folks on a path towards advocacy activation and Broads membership!



Project Collaborators & Community Partners

Multiple Broadbands can collaborate on a CES event. Please reach out to Rachel discuss shared budgets and planning.

Project Collaborators offer technical expertise and may co-facilitate an event. These partnerships allow you to plug-in to existing projects and resources while sharing our climate educational content.

Example: Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA) has offered outstanding project leaders, transportation assistance, ecological restoration skill sets, project resources, and personnel.

Other Examples: Watershed councils, municipalities, public land management agencies, universities and university extension offices, nonprofits, and land trusts.

Project Collaborator's Ideal Skills & Resources

(not required, but we encourage you to ask!)

- Experience working with volunteers
- Expertise in environmental management or restoration
- Educational experience or willingness to facilitate training
- Established protocols (to maximize ecological impact and ensure participant safety)
- Project tools (e.g. shovels, native species, data collection tools, etc.)
- Matching funds and/or in-kind contributions.

Community Partners

A critical objective of the CES grant is to invite diverse partners into our work and our Broads community. Stewardship projects offer fun and meaningful opportunities to break down barriers and build long-lasting partnerships while caring for our environment and addressing climate impacts.

We can draw powerful connections to our collective legacy on the landscape, the healing that comes from shared work, and the community building that can emerge while doing fun, valuable work.

We encourage you to invite one or more partner organizations, particularly underrepresented frontline and Indigenous communities, younger women and students, educators, or youth program leaders. Also, you're encouraged to open your stewardship project to the general public.

Outreach to new partners can prove challenging and time-intensive, particularly while navigating cultural barriers, new relationships, and a limited budget. The national office is happy to offer our best guidance in navigating these partnerships, as well as promotional assistance to boost event attendance.



Project Design: Monitoring or Restoration?

Monitoring

Monitoring projects gather invaluable data for researchers and land management agencies and can have powerful impacts on public lands management. Many organizations, including land trusts and universities, have phone applications to make monitoring far more efficient and easy. Examples:

- **Habitat connectivity monitoring:** <https://oregonconservationstrategy.org/monitoring/>
- **Bird species:** <https://www.audubon.org/conservation/climate-watch>
- **Beaver:** Defenders of Wildlife Beaver Monitoring Program: <https://defenders.org/blog/2019/04/coexisting-beavers>
- **Wetland Conservancy Program:** <https://wetlandsconservancy.org/photo-story-beaver-monitoring-2018/>
- **Aquatic species and water monitoring:** Wetland Conservancy and many others
- **Logging impacts** of proposed logging site monitoring: <https://www.bark-out.org/content/get-involved>
- **Invasive species:** (Wildspotter App) <https://wildspotter.org/>
- **Seasonal events:** (Oregon Season Tracker) <http://oregonseasontracker.forestry.oregonstate.edu/>

Nature's Notebook contains a list of active local phenology projects: <https://www.usanpn.org/nn/groups/active-lpps>

For more inspiration on the value of monitoring projects:

<http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/orforestsc/2016/09/07/monitoring-a-changing-climate/>

Restoration

Restoration projects have hands-on impacts and powerful connections to climate resilience.

Examples:

- Riparian corridor/floodplain restoration (Ever heard of human-made beaver dams?) <https://bit.ly/BeaDam>
- Native species replanting (trees, shrubs, seedlings, etc)
- Invasive species removal
- Fence removal
- Logging road removal
- Fire mitigation (such as enhancing a community's defensible space) and post-fire restoration

This spreadsheet contains a wide variety of potential project collaborators, community partners, or guest speakers: <https://bit.ly/CollabSources>

Ready to start planning?

Follow this link to the CES Event & Stewardship Planning Form: <https://bit.ly/BroadsPF>