

HOUSATONIC RIVER NATURAL RESOURCES RESTORATION PROJECT
CONNECTICUT SUBCOUNCIL REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Part A: RESPONDER AND PROJECT SUMMARY FORM

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Please read "RFP: Overview of Selection Process" before completing this form.

Part A must be completed using Submittal Form A.

Responses may be entered electronically using the Microsoft Word version of Part A of this form available on the Housatonic River Basin Natural Resource Restoration Project in Connecticut website (www.housatonicrestoration.org), saved and printed. Alternatively, the responder may print the form and complete it with black ink.

An Adobe Acrobat version of the entire form (Part A and Part B) is also available on the Housatonic River Basin Natural Resource Restoration Project in Connecticut website

Project Name Provide a brief working name.

Youngsfield Park Riverwalk and Greenway

Responder – if there is more than one party involved in the project, please provide the information for the primary or lead party.

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Type of Entity

Check the box that best describes the primary respondent.

- Private individual
- Non-profit organization
- Municipal government
- State government
- County government
- Federal government
- Tribal government
- Corporation or Business
- Academic Institution
- Other (explain)

Project Implementation

Does the responder plan to be the Project Sponsor and respond to the Request for Supplemental Information (RSI) pending approval of this Proposal?

Yes No

If yes, please list any other project participants. _____

If the responder does **NOT** plan to be the Project Sponsor and does **NOT** intend to respond to the Request for Supplemental Information (RSI), is the responder interested in being a project participant and assisting a different Project Sponsor on this project?

Yes No

Request for Proposals:

Restoration Priority Funding Category See Sec. 3 of "RFP: Overview of Selection Process" for category descriptions.

Primary Restoration Category. Check the restoration category that is the primary goal of the project.

Check one box.

- Aquatic Natural Resources Restoration/Enhancement
 Riparian & Floodplain Natural Resources Restoration/Enhancement
 Restoration/Enhancement of Recreational Uses of Natural Resources

Secondary Categories. Check all relevant boxes.

- Aquatic Natural Resources Restoration/Enhancement
 Riparian & Floodplain Natural Resources Restoration/Enhancement
 Restoration/Enhancement of Recreational Uses of Natural Resources

List Specific Injured Natural Resources and/or Impaired Natural Resource Services to Benefit from Project

Enhancement to the surface water quality and river habitat along the bank where plant and aquatic species habitate. This area has long been susceptible to embankment erosion due to the river alignment and the passive recreational usage causing excessive sediment runoff and turbidity in the river.

This project will also seek to restore recreational activities along the bank of the Housatonic River. It will allow pedestrians to safely enjoy the scenic views of the river and the habitat surrounding and across the river, both plant and wildlife, without further damaging the river habitat.

Project Location (if known) See directions and "RFP: Overview of Selection Process" for additional materials to provide (maps, aerial photographs)

Municipality/ies:

New Milford

Longitude for approximate center of project area: W73deg 25min

Latitude for approximate center of project area: N41deg 34min

Project Budget Estimate (if known)

Total Project Cost Estimate: \$ 220,000

Housatonic River NRD Fund Estimate: \$ 220,000

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1. Identify Project Goals and Objectives

The Town of New Milford is seeking funding from the Housatonic River Natural Resource Restoration Project for the Young's Field River Walk Project. The Young's Field Riverwalk is part of the Greater New Milford Greenway project focusing on the revitalization and riverine enhancement of the Housatonic River region. This project consists of the construction of a walk/bike path approximately ½ mile in length connecting Young's Field Park to Helen Marx Park, structural shoreline stabilization, shoreline vegetation restoration and the reduction of impervious surfaces by reorganization of the existing riverfront parking. The project is designed to create active and passive recreational opportunities and to connect the newly enhanced downtown region to the riverfront in an effort to encourage eco-tourism.

The Young's Field River Walk is the central focal point of the Greenway Project due to its close proximity to the Downtown Business District. A River Walk at Young's Field will improve and protect the environmental quality of the Housatonic River and its surrounding riverine habitat. The Young's Field River Walk will create additional recreational area, provide for pedestrian access between parks, reduce impervious surface thus improving shoreline stability and surface water quality, and encourage protection and enhancement of the Housatonic River.

- Re-establish native, vegetative habitat directly adjacent to the riverine system and ensure biofiltration of stormwater runoff prior to discharge into the Housatonic River
- Preserve the riparian environment in perpetuity, improve water quality, and allow the natural resource and the goals of economic development to work in harmony
- Provide active and passive recreation along a scenic section of the Housatonic River
- Create an eco-tourism attraction with the establishment of a river greenway

2. Project Benefits

The Young's Field Riverwalk project will provide numerous benefits including but not limited to:

- Interconnection of two Town parks, including the restoration and enhancement of the vegetative buffer along the Housatonic River from Young's Field to Helen Marx Park, a distance of approximately ½ mile
- Create a handicapped accessible greenway trail for biking and walking
- Restoration of the riverside greenbelt through reduction of impervious surface, creation of organized parking area and establishment of a park for passive and active recreational activities, including handicapped access

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- Installation of appropriate riverbank stabilization, including native restorative plantings, creation of designated fishing access areas to improve riparian habitat and reduce disturbance to the Housatonic River shoreline
- Reduction of sediment pollution and improvement of water quality through reorganization of parking area, reduction of impervious surface, and restoration of park conditions in areas of disturbance
- Reparation of floodplain habitat
- Promotion of public education emphasizing the importance of wetland awareness and preservation of the Housatonic River shoreline habitat use and protection

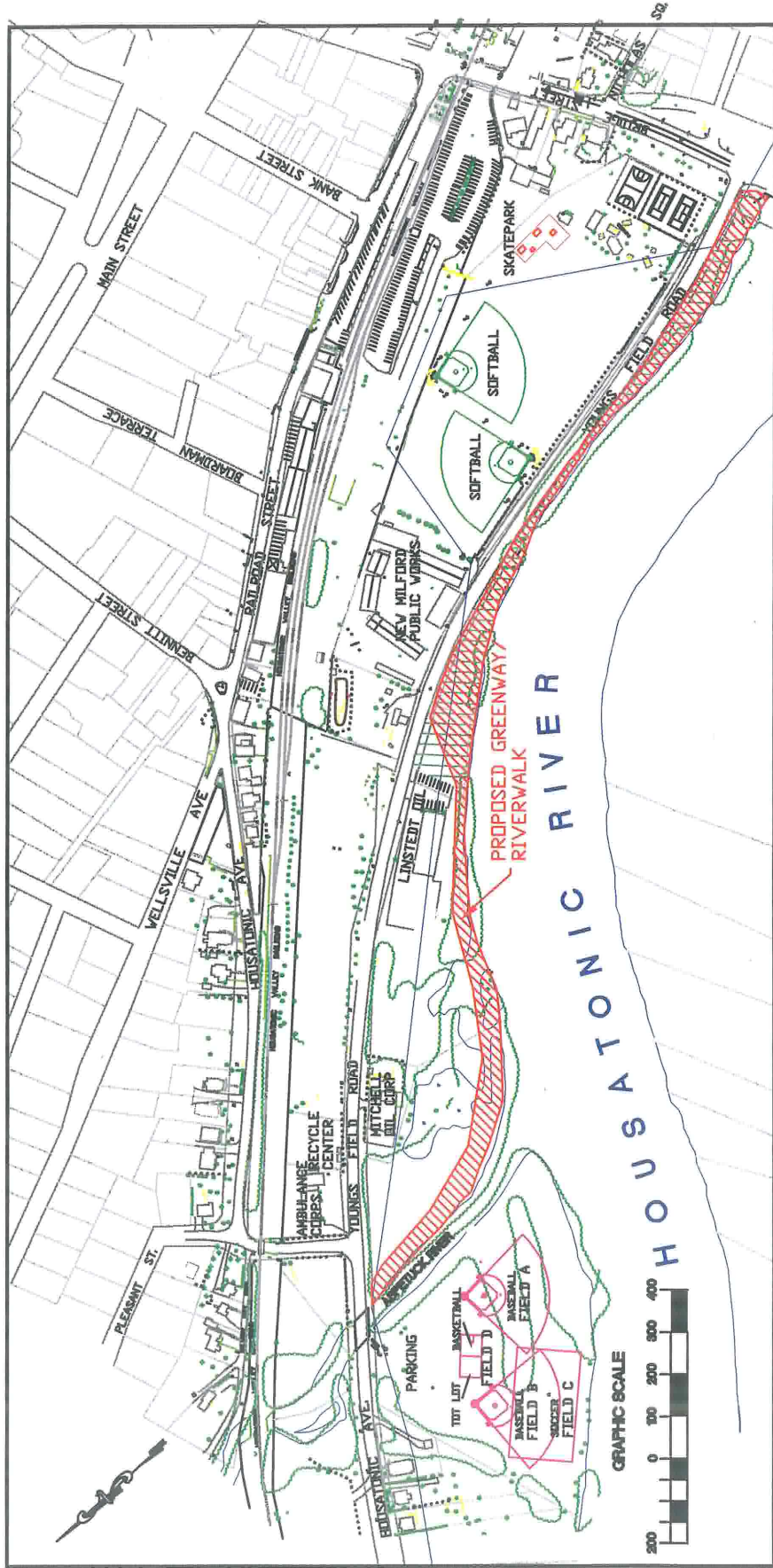
3. General Tasks:

The following tasks are necessary to bring this project to fruition:

- Creation of an action plan for implementation of the project
- Conceptual Design and Engineering of the project
- Implementation of shoreline stabilization, and native restoration plantings while continuing to allow access for fishing and other river uses
- Construction of a Greenway Trail from Young's Field to Helen Marx Park including the installation of floating or break-away boardwalk over the wetlands portion of the greenway
- Reorganization of vehicle parking and reduction of impervious surface to prevent disturbance of revitalized greenway areas

The Town of New Milford is confident that this project meets the criteria set forth and believes this proposal will be of interest to the Housatonic River Natural Resources Restoration Project Sub-Council and hope this information is adequate for your consideration.

GREENWAY RIVERWALK



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Young's Field Riverwalk Greenway
 Young's Field Road
 Scale 1" = 400', Date January 11, 2007

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Item 3.-Criteria Statements:

1. Does the proposal contain the information identified by the CT SubCouncil as set out in the "Instructions for the Preparation and Submission of Restoration Project Proposals"?
 - **Yes, the proposal contains the requested information and has been submitted.**
2. Does the Proposed Project restore, rehabilitate, replace, and/or acquire natural resources or natural resource services equivalent to those that were injured by the release of PCB's or other hazardous substances from the GE facility at Pittsfield, MA?
 - **Yes, the Proposed Project does restore and rehabilitates natural resources that were injured by the release of PCB's or other hazardous substances from the GE facility at Pittsfield, MA. Due to the polluted river and river bank conditions many individuals refrained from using this parcel for recreational endeavors. The development of this portion of the greenway will allow us to offer controlled access to the recreational and conservation amenities and areas that we have planned. Further this will provide for public health and safety factors that now imperil our citizens.**
3. Is the Proposed Project, or any portion of the Proposed Project, an action that is presently required under other federal, state, or local laws, including, but not limited to, enforcement actions?
 - **No, there are no enforcement actions pending for this site.**
4. Is the Proposed Project inconsistent with any federal, state or local law or policy?
 - **No, the project is not inconsistent with any federal, state, or local law or policy. The Railroad Company supports our efforts for providing for safe access for pedestrians because this is an active rail line.**
5. Will the Proposed Project, or any portion of the project, be inconsistent with any ongoing or anticipated remedial actions in the Housatonic River watershed?
 - **No, the Proposed Project will not be inconsistent with any ongoing or anticipated remedial actions in the Housatonic River watershed.**

