

Attachment #3

Non-Acquisition Projects - Summary (often called Restoration Projects)

Definition: Non-acquisition projects are those that do not necessarily include an acquisition of a real property land or water interest. Non-acquisition projects protect, continue, restore, expand, improve or enhance natural systems and processes. Examples include but are not limited to:

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| Restoring a stream | Improving wildlife habitat and riparian areas |
| Rejuvenating decadent vegetation | Protecting wildlife transit or migration corridors |
| Creating fish passage channel | Creating wildlife crossings |
| Reconnecting stream tributaries | Improving water quality |
| Conducting studies directly linked to a project | |

Key considerations (*See rest of this Guide, Pre and Full Applications, Project Evaluation Criteria for more info*):

1. Lasting conservation results.

- Applicants must clearly describe the conservation values of their project. LWWP understands that the future of natural systems and processes cannot be guaranteed, that there may be factors beyond the applicant's control, and that unforeseen circumstances may influence the project in the future. Nevertheless, clear and lasting conservation goals that will result from the enhanced natural systems and processes are essential.
- Non-acquisition projects may be strengthened by including acquisition of a real property interest in land or water, such as a conservation easement on a property where a stream will be restored.

2. Clear measures of completion and success. Project progress, completion and success will generally be measured using a "Build to Plan" approach rather than by Performance Standards.

- Build to Plan offers easily quantifiable measurements, e.g., cubic yards of dirt moved, length/type of fence installed, and wildlife crossing construction completed.
- Performance Standards define conservation outcomes, e.g., pond temperature decreases by x degrees, wildlife using the crossing, fish hatch increased x%, water moving through stream. It is essential to clarify such conservation goals in your application.
- Project completion means the project work is completed as planned and the natural system or process is stable. E.g., a viable healthy plant community exists with 80% cover consisting of the types of plants you sought. There should also be a reasonable expectation that the results will continue after the project is formally completed with Blaine County. LWWP encourages adaptive management.
- Prompt notification to LWWP of problems, delays or changes is essential.

3. Sound maintenance, management, monitoring and reporting.

- LWWP will not duplicate government monitoring and reporting requirements, but may have additional requirements. Monitoring/requirements will generally be three years.
- Government agency or partner involvement may strengthen the project in some cases.

4. Required documentation

- Project plan, scope of work, timeline, benchmarks, budget with explanation, required permits, contracts
- Performance bond or insurance policy with Blaine County
- Signed Grant Agreement between applicant and Blaine County LWWP that defines the terms of project and each party's rights and responsibilities.

Grant/Funds Dispersal:

- Cost reimbursements after benchmarks are achieved and invoice(s) submitted.
- A % of the total grant amount will be withheld until all monitoring and reporting is complete.