



The following scoring sheet will be used by PSCC's staff to aid in evaluating full proposals for Stewardship Challenge Grant project funding. Award decisions will not depend solely on the scores resulting from this scoring sheet. Applicants will be encouraged to submit any other information in their full proposal that may be useful to PSCC in the evaluation process.

We encourage potential grant applicants to also use this scoring sheet as a way to self-evaluate the merits of your own projects before applying.

PLEASE NOTE - Applicants will not be asked to submit a completed copy of this scoring sheet. This document is being provided for informational purposes only.

Organization:		
Project Title:		

Category	Max Points Available	Points Awarded by Staff	Notes
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Project Site and Work Plan	120	0	
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Why does the site need stewardship and what are the objectives of the project?	20		
Does the project site connect to a larger corridor of protected land? How many acres?	15		
Have any endangered or threatened species been documented on the property?	15		
Does the property contain habitat for species of greatest conservation need?	15		
Does the property contain any rare or uncommon types of natural habitat?	15		
Are there existing legal protections and/or does the grantee intend to place additional legal protections on the property-after the stewardship work is complete? (i.e., Nature Preserve Dedication, NP Buffer Dedication, Land and Water Reserve Registration, Conservation Easements)	15		

	Is the property included in a larger regional or statewide conservation plan or open space protection plan?	10		
	Is the applicant partnering with Indigenous groups and/or people to incorporate Traditional Ecological Knowledge principles into their stewardship plan?	10		
	Is the applicant using a "new to them" restoration technique or philosophy? Have others been successful with this technique?	5		

Organizational Capacity		60	0
Is the applicant able to adequately implement the stewardship and maintenance needs of the property, during and after the grant period?	20		
Has the applicant been able to comply with grant requirements and deliver on project outcomes in the past?	10		
What is the main mission of the applicant and/or the owner of the project site?	10		
Does the applicant, in general, have access to other funding sources for stewardship?	8		
Does the applicant have a dedicated lead staff or volunteer steward for the site?	8		
Is the applicant going to use a new method to attract new volunteers?	4		

Socio-economic Outcomes			
	40	0	
Does the project directly engage the community in implementation and outcomes of the project?	20		
Is the property located in an economically disadvantaged and/or historically underserved community?	16		
Is the applicant's leadership team diverse? (i.e., senior staff and board of directors). Diversity in this context can refer to racial, ethnic, gender, age, socioeconomic, or other types of diversity.	4		
Project Finance			
	10	0	
Is the applicant planning to try a new method of fundraising for the project? Why have they chosen that method?	10		

Other Project Outcomes		20	0	
	Does the project have the potential to help mitigate the effects of climate change?	10		
	Has the applicant undertaken measures to ensure that the project will not produce any unintended adverse effects on historical, cultural, or archaeological features? (i.e., Native American mounds, burial sites, historical village sites, etc.) Will the project preserve or enhance known features?	10		
Totals		250	0	