

Collaborative Stewardship Starter & Builder Kit

Example: One Tam Draft Project Selection Criteria¹

Projects must be consistent with agency missions and priorities in order to be considered. Projects must be proposed by an agency's designated Steering Committee member, approved by the respective Executive, and as applicable, approved by the respective Board. Previously selected eligible projects will be reevaluated annually if there has been no activity.

Initial Threshold Criteria – check all that apply (proposed project must meet all to be considered).

_____ Exemplifies the vision and goals of One Tam

_____ Serves the area of focus for One Tam

_____ Enhances the natural and/or cultural resources and/or visitor experience

_____ Has top-down (board/executive) organizational/agency unwavering support

_____ Originating agency has identified agency staff lead or project manager and has assessed the agency capacity to complete the project in a timely manner

_____ Can have substantial progress toward implementation, or be implemented within, or completed in the MOU Agreement period

Prioritization Criteria

Rankings within each criteria category could be between 3 and 0 with 3 being the highest possible ranking.

3 – Project meets all¹ the applicable criteria for this category

2 – Project meets most of the applicable criteria for this category

1 – Project meets a few of the applicable criteria for this category

0 – Project does not meet any of the criteria for this category

Impact - direct long-term benefit to direct benefit to Park/District resources, visitors, volunteers and/or youth through programs within the area of focus

¹ The following were drafted in 2018-19 to help guide the partnership's project & program priorities

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- a. Protects and enhances the One Tam’s most sensitive natural areas (e.g., wetlands, special status species, unique ecological areas, etc.);
- b. Reduces threats to One Tam resources (e.g., removes social trails or improves trail alignment, controls and/or removes targeted weeds, controls non-natural erosion and restores natural hydrology/drainage, controls and/or preserves historic resources, etc.);
- c. Significantly improves chronic maintenance and/or public safety issue;
- d. Demonstrates high level of outcome for resources expended;
- e. Improves recreational experiences or increases diversity of experiences within One Tam geography;
- f. Provides increased volunteer stewardship/education opportunities

Funding Traction - high funding potential for attracting donors, leveraging existing funds and resources, gap funding needed for project completion

- ✓ Full or partial funding is proposed through an agency’s funding cycle
- ✓ Funding is obligated or immediately available (full or in part) through partners or other programs/project
- ✓ Funding the project is a high priority at an executive and/or board level – either through agency funding or through the agency supporting applications for other funding sources
- ✓ Has high ability to leverage funding

Feasibility - including project readiness, implementation feasibility, compliance, resources and timing

- a. Project planning, compliance, and design work is complete
- b. Project plan is approved, and compliance and design work can be completed within a year
- c. Project has agency support, however requires additional planning, compliance and public review
- d. A core team is in place (or can be quickly assembled) and agency has capacity to undertake or oversee project tasks
- e. Can be implemented within the 5-yr Strategy planning period

Visibility – measurable benefits that serve One Tam beyond the project’s implementation (e.g., public/political support, added marketing value, pre-requisite to implementing high priority project, high profile, increased community/youth engagement and awareness, etc.)

- a. Project has the ability to catalyze/support the implementation of other project/program priorities

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- b. Project is located in area that has high public use and visibility
- c. Project has demonstrated or has potential to garner significant public/political support and build public interest/awareness of One Tam
- d. Project has potential to serve new priority audiences
- e. Project demonstrates innovative methods and technology and is likely to draw media and public interest
- f. Project has potential to receive stakeholder endorsement and publicity support

Sustainability - Outcome is sustainable (e.g., maintainable, responds to climate change, adaptively managed, etc.)

- a. Project design is responsive to climate change (e.g., trail design is such that it would sustain its expected life cycle, project, resource management actions facilitate responsiveness to increase in tidal elevation, etc.)
- b. Project will reduce current maintenance workload and/or address a priority deferred maintenance issue
- c. Stewardship or other One Tam/partner program has capacity to maintain investment
- d. Project is in an accessible location for integrating community volunteer support
- e. Project outcomes have community support (e.g., supported by stakeholder groups).

Collaboration – high partnership potential (within collaborative and/or community) and level of community support

- a. Project will be resourced or supported by 3 or more partners
- b. Project meets needs of 3 or more partners
- c. Project engages/involves partners beyond One Tam
- d. Project is consistent with, or supports community/external partner priority One Tam

Role/Lift – the role of One Tam will be explicitly defined during a review with key partners. This will be represented graphically in the following areas and revisited annually pending the phase of the project. The final representation of the agency/One Tam roles will be reviewed and approved by the proposing agency executive(s).

- ✓ Project Planning/Scoping/Design

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- ✓ Compliance, Permits, Post Project Monitoring
- ✓ Project Management
- ✓ Contracting
- ✓ Construction Management/Implementation
- ✓ Fundraising
- ✓ Community Engagement/Communication
- ✓ Volunteer Management
- ✓ Technical Review

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