



Tuesday, March 29, 2022

Project Intake Form

Project Title Big Mill Creek Stream Restoration and Handi Cap Pier

Project Applicant Ridgway Township

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All counties in the North Central region are currently transitional.

Select all counties the project will serve.

Elk

Project Type

Tourism

Primary Funding Agency

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Select Primary Objective to Set the Goal Supporting Objective

Objective 4.3: Preserve and expand Appalachia's natural resources to increase outdoor recreation opportunities for residents and visitors and support sustainable economic growth.

Building Regional Culture and Tourism

View North Central's [2018-2023 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy here](#).

Does your project align with the goals of North Central's 2018-2023 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy?

Yes

The CEDS Investment Priorities include the following:

- Expanding and strengthening employment and education opportunities that provide stable family wage jobs.
- Investments in entrepreneurship and home-grown business development to build a sustainable, diverse economy.
- Preserving and investing in the region's natural and cultural assets to strengthen economic potential.
- Creating and/or improving reliable, consistent access to critical infrastructure in North Central Pennsylvania.
- Providing sufficient availability of right-sized, right-priced housing throughout each county within the North Central Pennsylvania region.

Check the box if you'd like this project to be considered for inclusion in North Central's forthcoming CEDS and Resiliency Plan.

Yes, please consider this project for inclusion in the forthcoming CEDS and Resiliency Plan.

Project Funding


Please enter the project funding amounts for each below. Totals and Percent will calculate automatically. Do NOT include the "\$."


| # | Non Construction | Equipment | Construction | Total | Percent |
|---|------------------|-----------|--------------|-------|---------|
| 1 | | | | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | | | | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | | | 15000 | 15000 | 50 |
| 4 | 5000 | 5000 | 5000 | 15000 | 50 |
| 5 | 5000 | 5000 | 20000 | 30000 | 100 |

Funds Status

| | Funds Status |
|---------|--------------|
| Federal | No Funds |
| State | No Funds |
| Local | Secured |
| Other | Secured |

Please upload an Engineering Cost Estimate, if applicable.


Big Mill Creek Sandy Beach Park Packet.pdf


Sandy Beach Dock.pdf

Period of Performance

Start and End Date

Start Date: 09/01/2022 End Date: 09/30/2022

Purpose of Project

Rehabilitate the Big Mill Creek Fishing Hole at Sandy Beach Park, Ridgway Township. The site has been renovated with stream entrance, handicap walkway, playground area, picnic tables and benches. The fishing hole is used heavily at the beginning of the fishing season, but the stocked and native trout are unable to remain, or habitat in this area of the stream due to flow and depth. The project is to increase the depth and to create a more natural flow to increase the habitat of trout.

Project Description

Create a vegetated buffer zone along a stream channel to support fish and wildlife habitat, as well as bank stabilization. Boulder placements will add diversity to uniform areas. Saw-tooth deflectors will be good alternatives to be used with straight rip-rap, providing more edge effect and some backwater resting areas for fish. Deflectors help narrow and deepen the stream channel and provide stabilization. They will be constructed of just stone or include several variations with logs or log frames. Logs will also be embedded into deflectors to add more fish cover.

Explain the following for the Strategic Rationale:

- Identify the problems and/or opportunities the project will address.
- Explain the existing conditions or critical circumstances that would compel the funding of this project.
- Describe how the project supports a regional strategy or plan.
- Explain how this project will contribute to sustainable economic development in the service area impacted.
- Identify the types and numbers of jobs to be created or retained.
- Explain any Leveraged Private Investment because of this project.

Strategic Rationale

Single log vanes help turn flows away from the bank providing plunge-pool habitat as well as stabilization. The mud sill cribbing will provide a stable undercut bank and can help reclaim outside bends in the channel (during& after). Good habitat makes good fishing!!

Collaborative Partnerships

Ridgway Township Sandy Beach Recreation Board, Elk County Conservation, Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, Fish and Boat Commission, Allegheny National Forest, and Trout Unlimited have joined together to create yet another natural site to be used by all ages.

Project Sustainability and Capacity

The project will be sustained by the township and the capacity of use is going to increased by many folds. The pier alone will provide a fishing dock for youth, elderly and the handi cap.

Output and Outcome Measures

Stand-Alone Output Measure

new visitors: days

Stand-Alone Outcome Measure

programs implemented

Congressional and Legislative Districts

Glenn Thompson (US House, 15th)

Mike Armanini (PA StateHouse, 75th)

Pat Toomey (US Senate)