

Project Description

The Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture (EBTJV) has developed a roadmap for wild Brook Trout conservation grounded in science and guided by its mission to facilitate integrated approaches to conserving healthy coldwater aquatic resources and fishable wild Brook Trout populations. We advance our mission by completing landscape-level scientific assessments on the status of wild Brook Trout and using the results of these assessments to establish key priorities that serve as a framework for collaborating and coordinating strategic conservation actions among our conservation partners. The EBTJV also provides our partners with vital decision-support tools and data management systems that are web-based and readily accessible. Additionally we foster outreach efforts that build stewardship support for conserving wild Brook Trout and we direct resources to essential on-the-ground wild Brook Trout conservation projects. In order to continue to meet these commitments, the EBTJV will implement the following operational strategies under this project:

1. Refinement of the partnership’s strategic objectives and key conservation priorities using the results from the EBTJV’s status assessment of wild Brook Trout at the catchment scale.
2. Collaboration with neighboring Fish Habitat Partnerships and other conservation entities to ensure strategic conservation actions among this community are synchronized.
3. Recruitment of fish habitat conservation projects that address priority wild Brook Trout conservation needs.
4. Tracking of progress towards conserving wild Brook Trout.
5. Raising awareness about the accomplishments being achieved in conserving wild Brook Trout.

Project Budget

Budget Category	Budget Request
Contractual ¹	\$62,000
Travel ²	\$15,000
Outreach ³	\$ 6,300
Indirect ⁴	\$ 6,700
Total	\$90,000

¹ The Contractual budget request includes \$60,000 for project coordination expenses by the EBTJV Coordinator and \$2,000 for maintenance of the EBTJV website.

² The Travel budget request covers the EBTJV Coordinator’s travel expenses (\$7,000) and travel assistance (\$8,000) for EBTJV members attending in-person Subcommittee and Steering Committee Meetings.

³ The Outreach budget request will be used to support the production of a Brook Trout film.

⁴ The Indirect budget request covers the 10% overhead NFWF will charge for administering the EBTJV Coordinator’s contract (\$67,000).