

# National Fish Passage Program

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The BIL provided **\$200 million** over **5 years** to the NFPP for projects and technical assistance.

NFPP base appropriations are typically around **\$18 million**.



Fish and Aquatic  
**CONSERVATION**  
Conserving Aquatic Species for 150 Years



# National Fish Passage Program

**Cooperative** conservation program

Work with **voluntary** partners

**Coastal** and **inland** waterways



## Eligible Applicants

Any entity can receive funding.

## Eligible Projects

Projects that partially or completely eliminate a barrier to fish and aquatic species including:

- Dams, Culverts, Fishways, Water Diversions, Ineffective Screens, Inadequate Flows

Non-implementation activities are also eligible including:

- Planning and feasibility, engineering and design, capacity, implementation monitoring, outreach

# FY 2024 NFPP BIL Priorities

## Ecological Benefits, Climate Resilience, Community and Infrastructure Benefits

- Direct benefits to priority species and habitats
- Maximize sustainable aquatic connectivity
- Enhance community and species resilience to climate change
- In partnership with Tribes, States, and key partners and stakeholders
- Provide co-benefits such as transportation safety, reduced flood risk, job creation, increased recreation
- Directly benefit disadvantaged communities
- **Achieve significant watershed-scale benefits**
- **Directly leverage other funding to create transformational change**

# FY 2024 NFPP BIL Criteria

## **Ecological Benefits**

(55 points)

- Benefits to Priority Species and Habitats
- Permanence of Fish Passage Benefits
- Regional and Watershed Context

## **Human Community Benefits**

(30 points)

- Benefits for human community resilience to climate change impacts and other co-benefits
- Achieves Environmental Justice Goals of Investing in Communities
- Tribal Support and Partnership

## **Funding and Timeline**

(15 points)

- Leveraged Funds
- Community Support
- Estimated project duration and timeline

# NFPP BIL Application Overview

FY2024

**LOI Due  
Nov. 17**

**Winter**

**Spring**

**By Dec.  
2024**

**Collaborative  
project  
development  
and LOI  
submitted.**



**Regional  
review.**



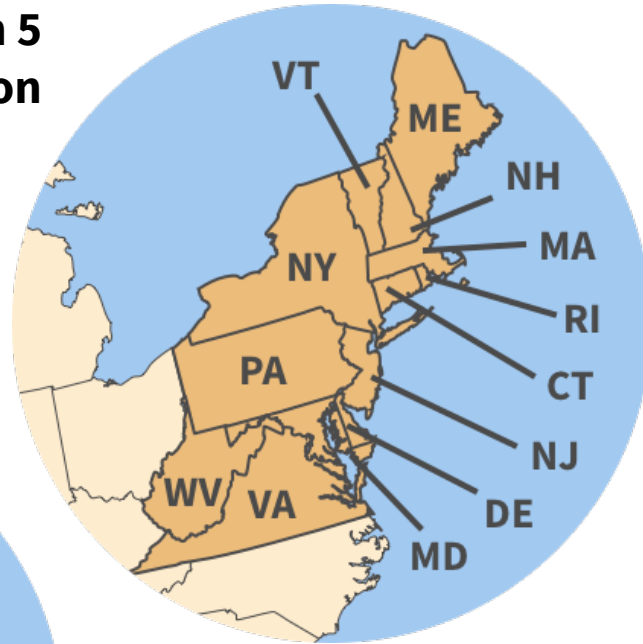
**FWS and DOI  
review and  
approve  
projects.**



**Approved  
applicants will  
submit in  
GrantSolutions.**

# Brook Trout and NFPP

**Region 5  
Northeast Region**

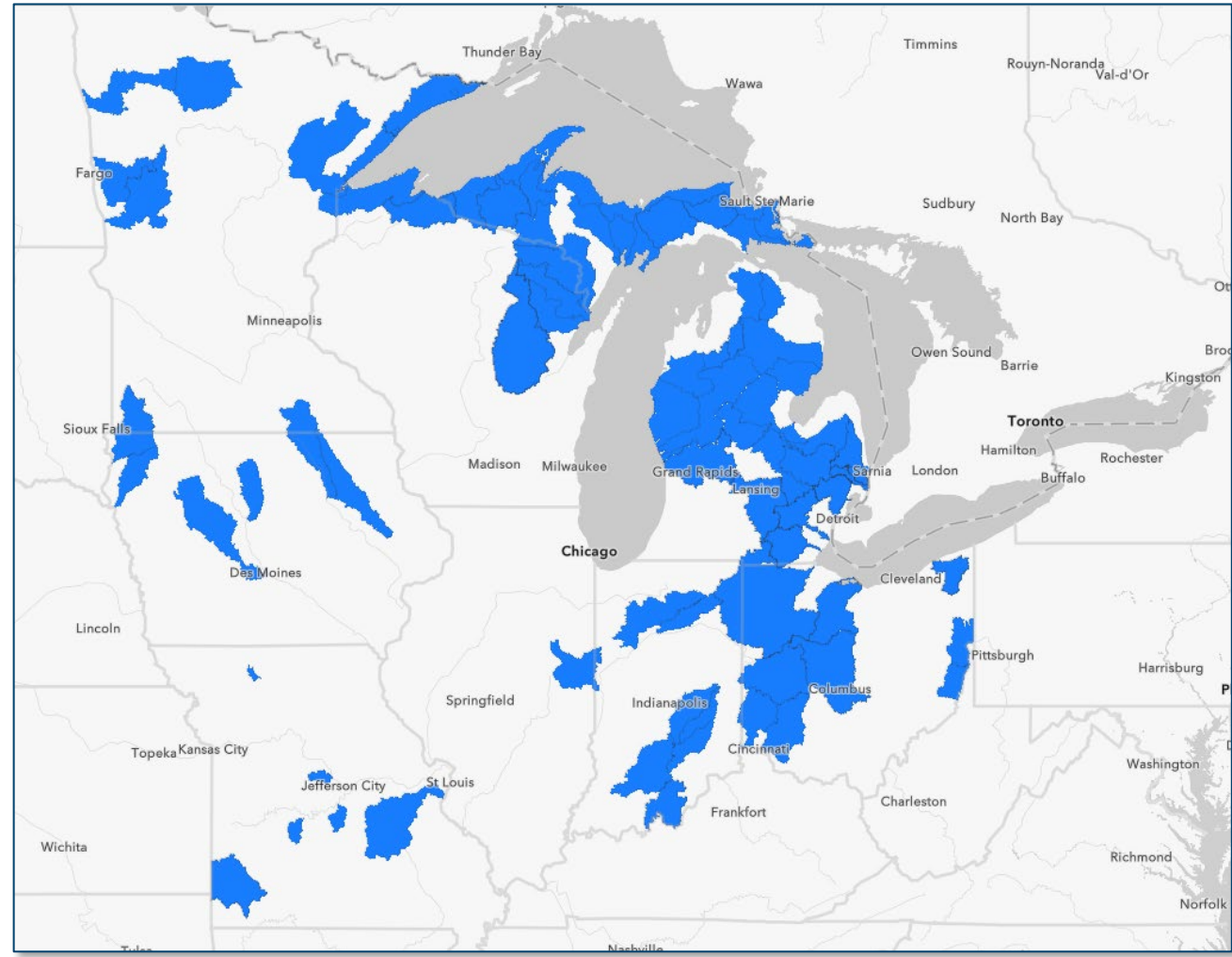
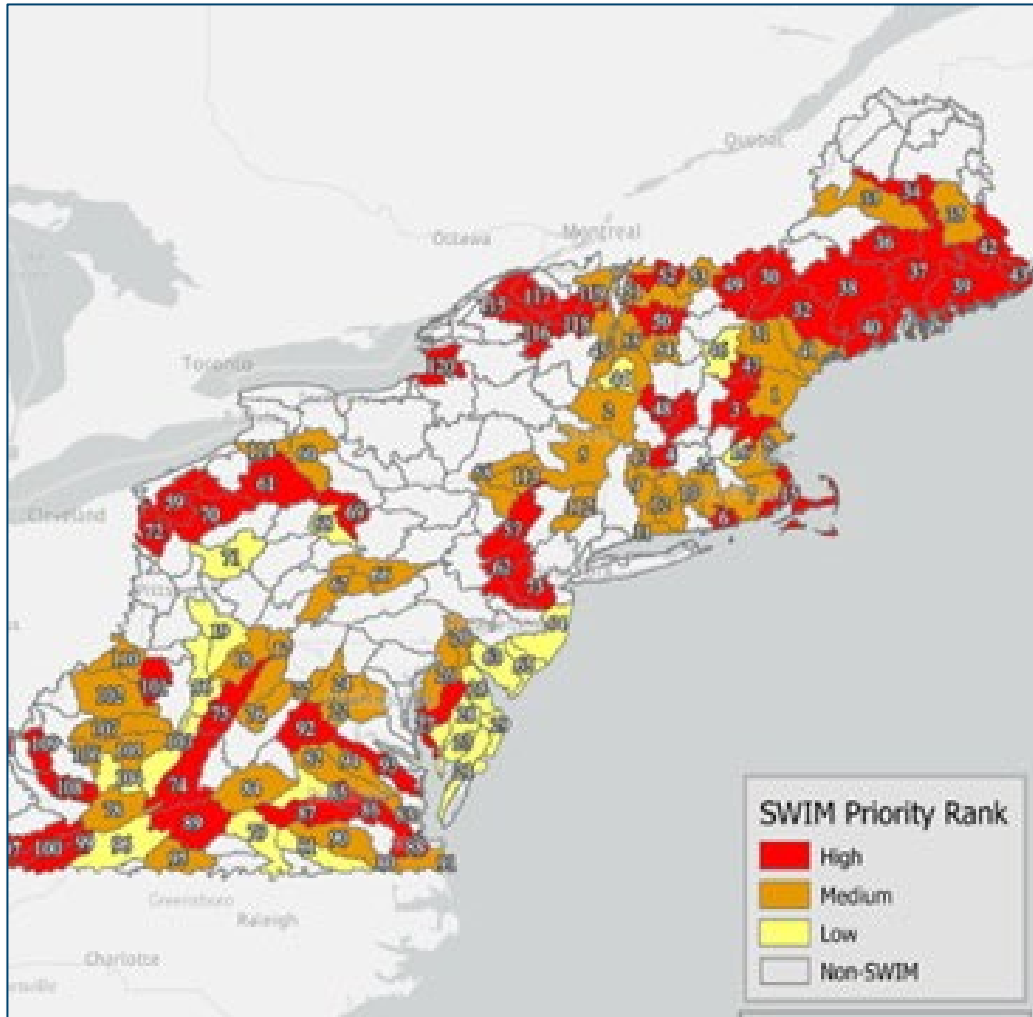


**Region 3  
Midwest/Great Lakes Region**



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# NFPP BIL FY2022 and FY2023

## *Funding for Brook Trout*

NFPP BIL funded **9 projects** across **6 states** that either directly or indirectly benefitted Brook Trout.

Brook Trout was the target species for 5 of the 9 projects funded.

Total amount awarded was **\$8,417,650**, which leveraged **\$8,617,281** in partner funding.

When completed, these projects will reopen **568 stream miles**, restore **330 acres** of habitat by removing over **38 instream barriers**.



# Potomac Headwaters Restoration

- \$1.15 million funded under NFPP BIL FY22
- Partnership with TU, WV DOT, others
- Watershed scale project, reconnect over 195 miles of habitat in VA, MD, WV
- **Brook trout**, American eel
- Up to 17 barriers removed
- Culvert replacements, low water bridge replacements, dam removal
- **150 square mile super patch for brook trout, cold water refugia**
- *Public safety, access, recreational opportunities for disadvantaged communities*



# NOFO

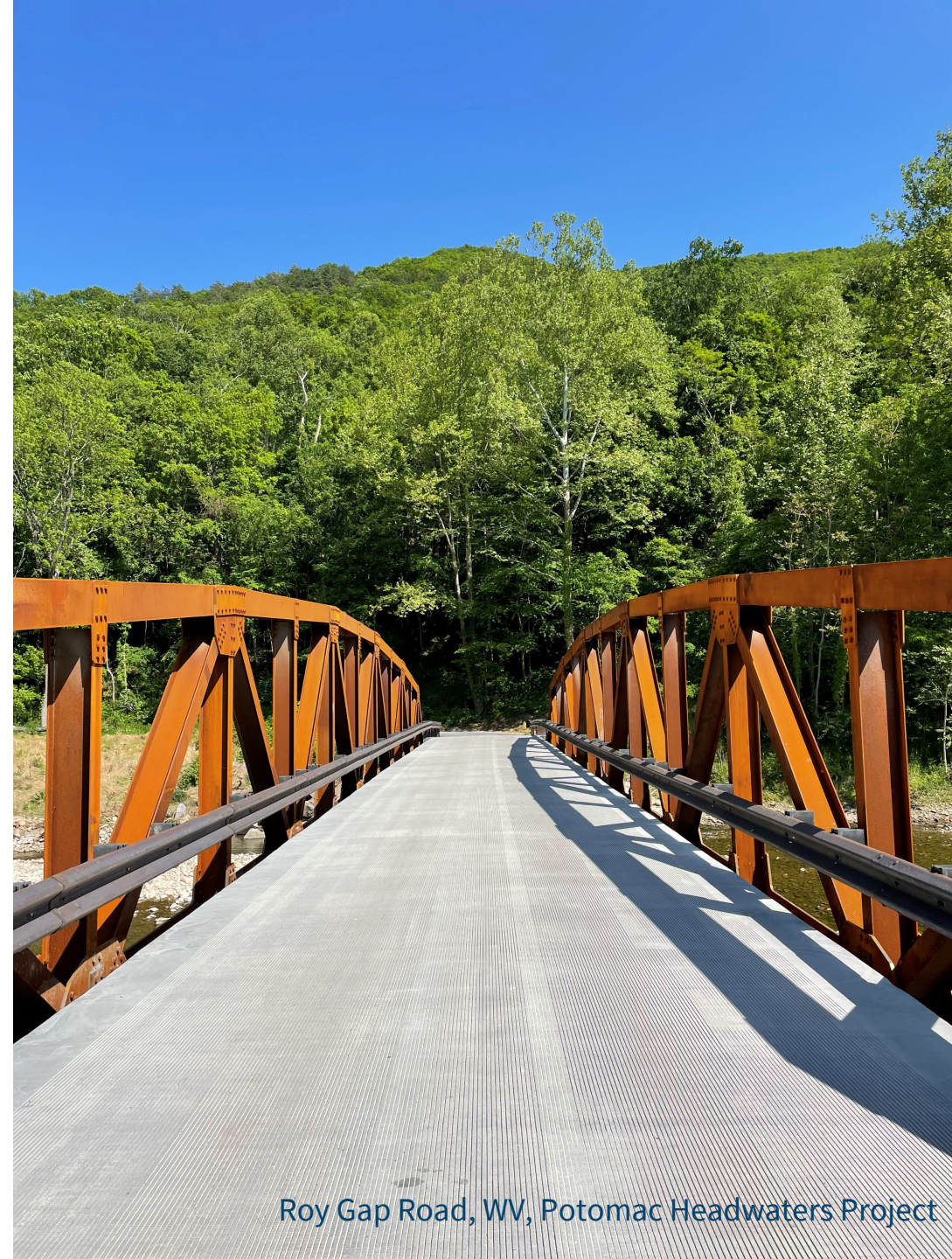
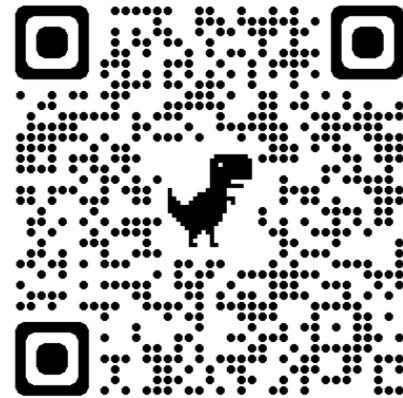
## National Fish Passage Program Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: Restoring River, Floodplain, and Coastal Connectivity and Resiliency

Opportunity Number: **F24AS00062**

Please read the NOFO *carefully*.

<https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/350554>

**Scan to find the NFPP BIL  
NOFO on Grants.gov**



Roy Gap Road, WV, Potomac Headwaters Project

# Thanks!

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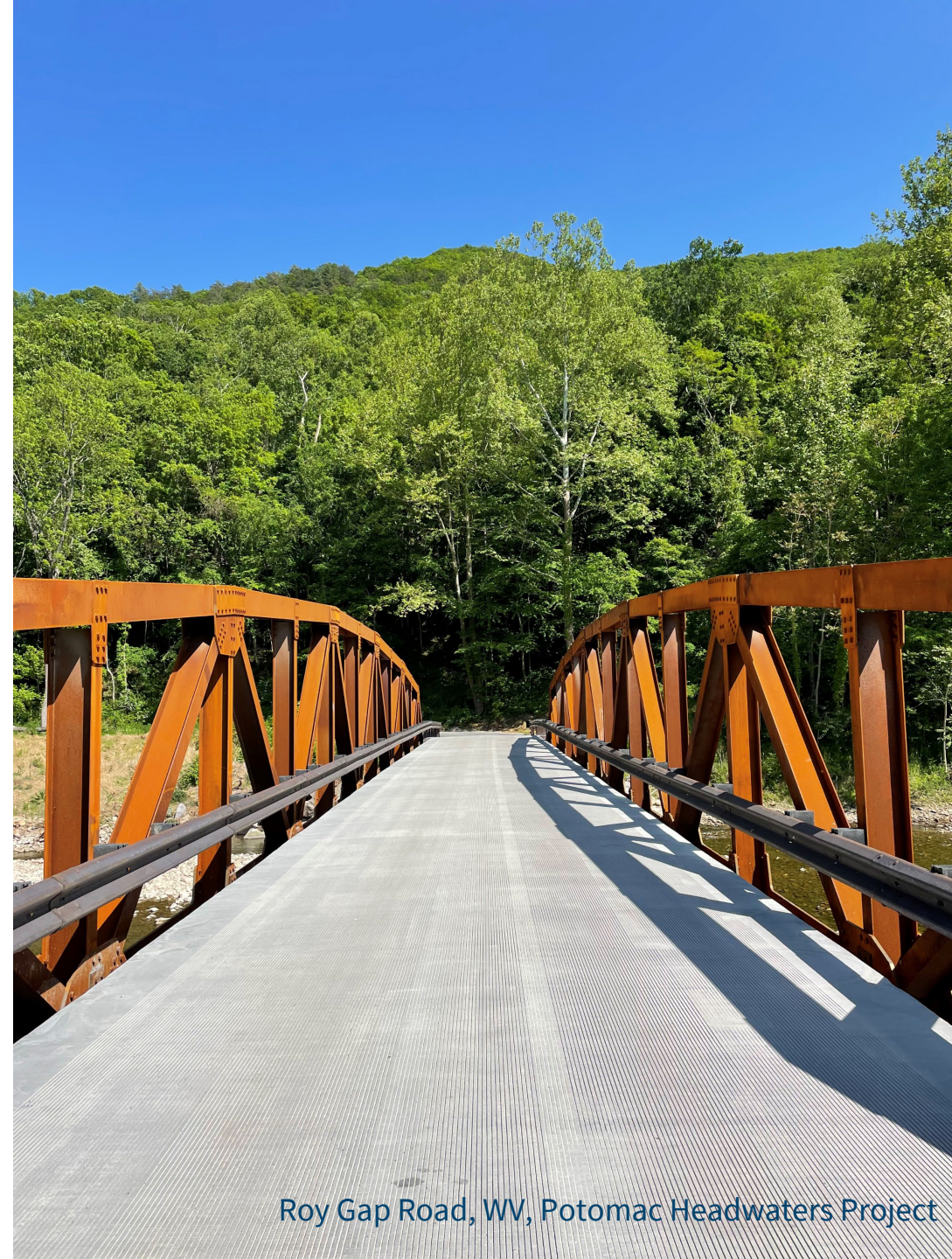
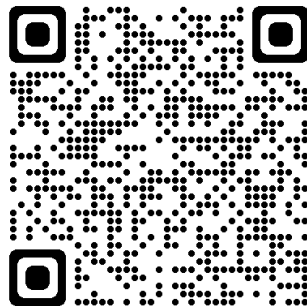
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**Scan to visit the Fish Passage Portal to  
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opportunities**



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# Letter of Interest

## The LOI should briefly cover:

- A statement of interest in applying for funding under the NFPP BIL FY2024 funding opportunity announcement
- The name and location of the project
- A brief (1-2 sentence) project description
- Requested funding amount
- Expected partners
- Name and contact information of the interested applicant

**Due to your NFPP Regional Coordinator by  
November 17, 2023.**

## NFPP Base

- \$18 million in FY 2023
- Ongoing project development, regional project ranking occurs in Fall
- Scoring and project selection largely done at regional level
- Range: \$25,000-\$400,000
- Average: \$100,000

## NFPP BIL

- \$200 million over five years
- Scoring and selection at national level following regional review
- Range: \$200,000-\$10 million
- Average: \$1 million
- Targeting national and administration priorities for connectivity restoration, environmental justice, and climate resilience



## FY 2024 NFPP BIL Expected Awards

- Up to \$35,000,000 available per FY2024 and FY2025
- Projects may be awarded from this NOFO under both FYs
- Anticipated awards between \$25,000 and \$10,000,000
- Average award is expected to be \$1,000,000