

Grant Application



Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife **Access and Habitat Program**

Return Application to:
Your ODFW A&H Regional Coordinator

For more information please call:
Access & Habitat Program Coordinator
(503) 947-6087

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A&H Project Application Review Process

ACCESS & HABITAT PROGRAM BACKGROUND

Oregon's Access & Habitat (A&H) Program was created by legislation in 1993. The program, sponsored by several landowner and hunter associations, was designed to improve both wildlife habitat and public hunting access to private lands. The authorizing legislation created a seven-person board composed of three hunters, three landowners, and one at-large member to represent the general public and serve as chair. The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission appoints board members to four-year terms. Board members are eligible for two consecutive terms. Six Regional Advisory Councils with the same make-up as the State Board review proposals and provide recommendations to the Board. The Board reviews project proposals forwarding on recommended projects to the Commission for approval or denial.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

To qualify for A&H funding, a project must improve wildlife habitat and/or increase public hunting access to private land. Some examples of projects that have been approved and implemented to date include development of wetland habitat, noxious weed control, improving wildlife forage on private lands, developing water in arid regions, riparian fencing, seeding after wildfire, hunting leases, and seasonal road management. Projects may be on private or public lands, though preference is given to projects on private lands.

PROJECT REVIEW AND FUNDING PROCESS – AN OVERVIEW

Access & Habitat project applications (or project proposals) are submitted by individual landowners, groups of landowners, conservation organizations, and government agencies. Applications are reviewed by one of the six Regional Advisory Councils, depending on the location of the project. The Regional Council may approve the project as it is proposed, approved a modified version of the proposal, or deny A&H project funding for the project. Unless the project applicant withdraws the project application, all proposals (*approved or denied*) are then forwarded to the State Board for consideration. The Council's review comments highlighting project strengths and project concerns are also forwarded to the Board. The Board may approve the project as it is proposed, approve a modified version of the project, or deny project funding. Those projects recommended for funding by the Board are presented to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission for final consideration. The Commission may approve, or deny any or all of the A&H Board's funding recommendations. Commission meetings are public meetings and applicants are welcome to attend.

- **Review Criteria**

The Access & Habitat Board has developed an evaluation form to score projects on several criteria. This form is completed by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) staff based on information contained in the application. The evaluation form is included at the end of the application for your reference.

- **Funding**

Once approved by the Commission, a grant agreement is developed between ODFW and the project applicant. The grant agreement is the mechanism that facilitates transfer of Access & Habitat Program funds or goods or services between ODFW and the applicant. It outlines the conditions, timelines, and payment schedule of the grant. Attached to the Grant Agreement are a *Request for Fund Release Form*, the project Statement of Work, a *Project Completion Report Form*, and a copy of the original project application. Two copies of the Grant Agreement are prepared, with ODFW and the applicant signing both. One copy is retained by the applicant and the other by ODFW. Project implementation can then proceed. The *Statement of Work* corresponds with the original project application, but provides a brief summary of the tasks to be performed and their associated costs. Advance payment can be made for up to 90% of approved funding, or ODFW reimburses the grantee for project expenses as invoices are received with a completed *Request for Fund Release Form*, and according to the provisions in the agreement. At the end of the project, the grantee submits a *Project Completion Report* and the remaining 10% of approved funding is paid to the Grantee.

- **Project Implementation Considerations**

Please keep in mind that project implementation may not begin prior to the signing of a grant agreement! Also, the A&H Board recognizes that circumstances that may warrant a change in project schedule or scope sometime arise. The Board reviews these situations as needed.

It typically takes about four (4) months for the project review and grant development processes to occur. Consider your project timeframe and plan ahead!

FILLING OUT YOUR APPLICATION

Before filling out an Access & Habitat grant application, project applicants are asked to contact the ODFW Regional Coordinator in the vicinity of the proposed project. The Regional Coordinator will give applicants advice on planning their projects and help maximize their chance of being awarded a grant. Completed applications should be submitted to the Regional Coordinator. The Regional Coordinator will then forward the project application to the corresponding Regional Advisory Council and convene a meeting of the Council to review the project. Project applicants are asked to participate in this meeting in order to respond to any questions the Council members may have, and to know first-hand the Council's review decisions.

Now You Are Ready!

Complete the project application according to the instructions provided with the application form. An electronic version of the application is available upon request. If you need assistance filling out your application or have any questions, call your Regional Coordinator or you may call the A&H State Program Coordinator.

Submit your completed application to the appropriate Regional Coordinator by the deadline indicated on the attached 2017 Schedule.

List of ODFW A&H Regional Program Coordinators

A&H State Program Coordinator

Isaac Sanders
ODFW Headquarters
4034 Fairview Industrial Dr SE
Salem, OR 97302
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A&H Regional Coordinators

North Willamette Region

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Malheur Region

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Project applicants who are not sure which A&H Regional Coordinator to contact can contact the A&H State Program Coordinator at (503) 947-6087.

A&H Project Proposal Instructions

First page: Page one contains terms and conditions and must be completed and signed by landowner or authorized representative (e.g. Board of Directors', Chairperson, etc.) if applying as an organization.

1. **Project title:** Name of the project. Use a title that helps describe the geographic area or the uniqueness of the project (e.g., Jones Ranch Access Project, Coyote Springs Habitat Project).
2. **Applicant:** If you are applying as an individual, this is *your name*. If you are applying as a group it is the *organization name*. Please include the mailing address, phone, and email address.
3. **Location:** Use the map attached to the Project Proposal to determine the ODFW region and watershed district in which the project is located. Also, it is important to identify the county and legal location of the project. Your local Natural Resource Conservation Service office or County Planning Department can assist in determining the legal description.
4. **Type of project:** Please check the appropriate box signifying the project type. Habitat projects can include developing, and improving or maintaining food, water, hiding, and nesting cover. Access projects can include opening private land to public access beyond current levels, promoting land exchanges, creating easements across private lands, and promoting proper hunting ethics. Damage projects include anything that reduces wildlife damage.
5. **Number of acres of habitat to be improved:** Indicate how many acres will be affected by the proposed habitat improvement, enhancement, or recreation activities.
6. **Number of acres of access to be provided:** Indicate the number of acres to which public hunting access will be provided. Specify type: Welcome to Hunt; Open and Unrestricted; By Permission; By Permission Youth Only, etc.
7. **Proposed start date:** The approximate day when the project will begin. Note: As per OAR 635-090-0120 (1) *Project sponsors other than the department shall enter into a grant agreement with the department prior to initiating the access and habitat project.* Please plan your project start date accordingly.
8. **Proposed end date of project:** Date hunting access ends or habitat project activities end.
9. **Estimated cost of project:** Your best forecast of the total cost to complete the proposed project.
10. **Access and habitat fund request:** The dollar amount you are requesting from the Access and Habitat Board which will be used on this project.

11. **Briefly explain what the project proposes to do:** How will the completion of this project help wildlife or the public's access to enjoy wildlife? For example: *This project will allow hunters who have passed the Master Hunter Program access to the Jones Ranch which has been historically closed to all hunters; or, This project will enhance valuable mule deer winter range by providing a greater quality and quantity of forage through plantings and a change in cattle grazing rotation.*
12. **Briefly describe the habitat and landscape of the project area:** In about a paragraph please describe the general character of the land and vegetation in the proposed project area. For example: *The Zurich Ranch is comprised of several hundred acres of irrigated pivot lines surrounded by rolling sagebrush rangelands. The Umatilla National Forest lies along the northern edge of the ranch with other ranch and farm operations on all other sides.*
13. **Background:** Describe the history that makes this an important project to you. Example: *Due to previous experiences with the public's lack of respect for my livestock, fences and roads, I closed all my land to public access.*
14. **Past A&H history:** Describe any past project with A&H, particularly if this current proposal deals with a continuation or amendment to a past project. Please include hunter use information for prior A&H projects.
15. **Hunter use data;** New projects should provide estimates of expected usage and all access projects must describe how usage will be assessed during the project. Information on past usage of the properties is expected for all previous access projects. Access Area Permit data, vehicle or pedestrian counts, and hunter interviews, are all examples of possible usage data.
16. **Project objective:**
 - (a) What do you hope to achieve by completing this project? Example: *The objective is to allow the public the opportunity to hunt on my land without suffering undue economic loss (e.g., fence repair, road reconstruction, etc.)*
 - (b) What benefits will there be to wildlife or public access by completing this project? Example: *By changing the timing when cattle will be grazing in specific areas and planting bitterbrush as browse, more food and a higher quality of food, will be produced in the same area.*
 - (c) If damage related, how will the project alleviate/eliminate problem? Example: *Canada geese are wintering on my grass fields destroying the plants. I propose using hunters to deter use of fields through access and fertilizer to help increase plant growth to compensate for forage lost to geese.*
 - (d) Check the length of time benefits are provided. See examples of project benefit duration provided.
 - (e) Give the benefits of the public access and how many hunters will be permitted.
 - (f) Check all species that applies.
 - (g) For crop damage related projects, explain how you will alleviate or eliminate the problem.
17. **Project location:** Attach a map indicating the location of the project. Use more than one map if necessary; a small-scale map to show major landmarks like cities, major highways, rivers, etc., and a large-scale map to more accurately locate the project like secondary roads, creeks, minor landmarks, etc.

18. **Procedure:** Describe how the project will be accomplished. What work needs to be done and how it will occur? Example: *Approximately 122 acres of deserted farmland will be planted to a dryland pasture mix. The mixture will include bluebunch wheatgrass (2 lbs. per acre), alfalfa spreader II (3 lbs. per acre), Indian rice grass (1 lb. per acre), Great Basin wildrye (1 lb. per acre) and Regreen (4 lbs. per acre). The mixture will be applied by rangeland drill at 1/4-1/2" depth and at a rate of 11 lbs. per acre. Planting will occur in April as soil conditions allow.*
19. **Permits:** All necessary permits must be granted by appropriate agency. Note: OAR 635-090-0120 (2), *The department shall distribute no funds under a grant agreement until it receives satisfactory evidence that all necessary permits and licenses have been granted and the required documents submitted.*
20. **Scheduling:**
- (a) Approximate dates when project work will begin and end (month/day/year).
 - (b) Approximate access agreement period - start date and end date (month/day/year).
 - (c) Briefly describe the activity and approximate time of occurrence.

Example:

1. *Transport drill to site-----late March 1994*
2. *Purchase and mix seed-----early April 1994*
3. *Transport tractor and begin planting-----mid-April 1994*
4. *Transport equipment back to farm-----late April 1994*
5. *Project complete-----early May 1994*

21. **Participation and funding:** List other organizations that will be assisting with the project. Do not list individuals, only those responsible for the actions of the groups (e.g., supervisors, project leaders, chairperson of the organization, appointed spokesperson, etc.). Also, list the activity that group will participate in.

Example:

1. *Glen Ardt-----Donate rangedrill time*
2. *Jones Ranch, Mike Jones-----10 hrs. Tractor and operator*
3. *Blue Ridge Hunters Club, Pete Smith-----Mix seed and transport to site*
4. *BLM, Sarah Cox-----Provide lowboy and operator to transport equipment.*

If you have individuals, groups or organizations who have committed money to this project, please identify them here.

Example:

1. *Jones Ranch-----in kind contribution of construction materials ---- \$500.00*
2. *Blue Ridge Hunters Club-----in kind contribution of labor at \$25hr ---- \$50.00*
3. *BLM ----in kind contribution of labor at \$65hr (rangeland biologist consultation) ---\$750.00*

Are the above funds contingent upon any factors? Example: *The BLM lowboy and operator will only be available until June due to the need to respond to wildfires after that date.*

22. Project maintenance and monitoring:

(a) If the project will require maintenance, please indicate who will provide this service.

(b) How will the success of this project be measured and over what time interval?

Example: A representative from the Jones Ranch will monitor the progress of the project each spring and fall over the next three years. We will notify the ODFW district biologist with the results from each visit.

23. Project budget narrative: Please provide as much detail as you can on project funds. Describe how requested grant funds will be spent. Please describe any in-kind funding, habitat work, and other contributions to the project in the budget narrative. Non-itemized entries in the budget worksheet must be described in the narrative.

24. Budget worksheet (Excel spreadsheet attached)

- Category refers to funds requested from the A&H Board and funds donated by others. Funds which you are requesting from the A&H Board should be placed directly under the “A&H Funds” column. Funds donated to this project from other sources should be itemized and placed directly under “Cost Share” column. The “Total Cost” column is the line total of the contribution from both sources.
- Administration costs are those incurred during the implementation of the project.
- Construction Materials are the building components needed to complete the project. Please supply the cost per unit as well as the total cost per line.
- Supplies are the tools and equipment necessary to accomplish the project.
- Contract Services, identify subcontractors who will be paid for services rendered during the project.
- Equipment, list any equipment which will be purchased, used, and is necessary to the project.
- Total Costs are totals by column.

**If you have additional questions, please contact
Oregon’s A&H State Program Coordinator at (503) 947-6087**

APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS
Terms and Conditions

Access & Habitat Program
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
4034 Fairview Industrial Dr SE
Salem, OR 97302

I/We, _____ of _____, Oregon, hereby make application for financial assistance under the terms and conditions of the Access and Habitat program in the amount \$_____. The total cost of the project is \$_____.

I/We understand that if this project is approved for funding by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission, before we receive project funds we will be required to:

- Sign a Grant Agreement containing the terms and conditions upon which funds will be released including submission of necessary permits;
- Obtain landowner and maintenance agreements if needed;
- Sign a certification to comply with state, federal and local regulations if needed;
- Submit a completion report to the Board on project performance.

I/We understand that if this application results in an access grant, ODFW will publicize my/our property via printed documents and internet for the purpose of helping hunters locate private lands that may be open to hunting. I/We will cooperate with ODFW to post signs indicating public hunting access at the project location.

I certify that either:

- I am the sole landowner of the Property where the Access and Habitat Project will occur.
- I am an authorized representative of the landowner of the property where the Access and Habitat project will occur.
- I am leasing the property from the landowner and the lease allows me to enter into this agreement.
- I have the legal authority to enter into a grant agreement for this Access and habitat project because:

(Fill in details – for example: “The project is on three parcels; one is owned by me, one is owned by my wife, and one is owned by our family farm business”).

Grantee Signature: _____ Date: _____

Position Title: _____

ACCESS & HABITAT PROGRAM

Application for Grant Funds

1. Project Title: _____
2. Applicant: _____ Phone: _____
Grantee: _____ (As will appear on contract/payments)
If private nonprofit, attach IRS letter of 501(c) (3) status
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____
3. Location: ODFW Region (see attached map)
Watershed District / Wildlife Management Unit: _____
County: _____ Township/Range/Section: _____
4. Type of project (check):
Habitat Improvement Access Damage
Other (specify) _____
5. Number of acres of habitat to be improved: _____
6. Number of acres of access to be provided: _____
Welcome to Hunt By Permission Other _____
7. Proposed start date: _____
8. Proposed end date: _____
9. Estimated cost of project: \$ _____
10. Access and Habitat fund request: \$ _____
11. Briefly explain what the project proposes to do:

12. Briefly describe the habitat and landscape of the project area:

13. Background: Describe the project area and explain the wildlife habitat and/or access challenge or opportunity this project will address. Address how current management actions benefit public access and/or wildlife and their habitat needs.

14. Past A&H history: Describe any past Access & Habitat project, especially if the proposed project deals with the same objectives.

15. Hunter use data: New projects provide estimates, old project provide access area permit data, vehicle/pedestrian counts, hunter interview, etc.

16. Project Objective(s):

(a) What is the objective of the proposed project?

(b) How will the project benefit wildlife habitat?

(c) If damage related, how will the project alleviate/eliminate problems?

(d) Length of time benefits provided <3yr 3-6yr >6yr

Examples of Project Benefit Duration

Noxious weed.....2yrs	Forage planting.....5yrs	Aspen fencing.....10yrs
Range fertilization...2yrs	Forest thinning.....5yrs	Aspen plant/fence.....10yrs
Rx Fire-grassland.....2yrs	Aspen (conifer removal)....5yrs	Road closure.....10yrs
Rx Fire-forested.....3yrs	Juniper removal.....7yrs	Road decommission....10yrs
Fence Removal.....10yrs	Water Dev. /Enhancement..10yrs	

(Source: Blue Mountains Elk Initiative Project Evaluation Criteria)

(e) How will the project benefit public access? If limited access, how many hunters will be permitted? _____

(f) Select species that will benefit from habitat improvements:

Big Game

- Deer
- Elk
- Bear
- Cougar
- Pronghorn
- Bighorn Sheep
- Mountain Goat

Upland Bird

- Chukar
- Mountain Quail
- Valley Quail
- Pheasants
- Forest Grouse
- Turkey
- Gray Partridge
- Sage Grouse

Migratory Game Bird

- Ducks
- Geese
- American Coot
- Wilsons Snipe
- Mourning Dove
- Band Tailed Pigeon

(g) If crop damage related, how will you alleviate or eliminate the problem?

17. Project location: Attach a map and provide description of the location and how to get there from a major highway.

18. Procedure: Specifically describe how the project will be conducted--use separate page for additional information, drawings, or pictures.

19. Permits: Have all of the appropriate permits been secured or applied for? Examples: Water Resources Department for water rights, Division of State Lands for fill-removal or wetlands projects.

20. Scheduling: What is the estimated project schedule?

- a. Habitat Work Start Date: / / Habitat Work Completion Date: / /
b. Access Agreement Start Date: / / Access Agreement End Date: / /
c. List major project activities and time schedule for each:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Time (month/year)</u>
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____
6. _____	_____
7. _____	_____

21. Participation and funding: Will other organizations or individuals participate in the project? If so, list and describe participation, and attach letters of commitment or verification of grant awards. Costs listed here must be included in "Other Funds" column of the Project Budget (Section 20).

<u>Participant</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Cost</u>
1. _____	_____	\$ _____
2. _____	_____	\$ _____
3. _____	_____	\$ _____
4. _____	_____	\$ _____
5. _____	_____	\$ _____
6. _____	_____	\$ _____
7. _____	_____	\$ _____

Have any conditions been placed on the funds listed above which may affect the completion of the project? If so, identify and explain. YES NO

22. Project maintenance and monitoring:

(a) Who will maintain the project and fund long-term maintenance and/or operation if needed?

(b) What element(s) of the project will be monitored, how often, for how long?

23. Project budget narrative: (Please provide details)

24: Project worksheet: (Use Excel spreadsheet attached)



Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife

Access & Habitat Program

Access & Habitat Project Completion Report

Project Number: _____

Project Title: _____

Grantee / Project Manager: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Location:

County: _____

ODFW Region: _____

ODFW Wildlife Management Unit: _____

Township/Range/Section: _____

Type of Project (check):

Access

Other (specify)

Habitat Improvement

Date Completed: _____

Project Area Size (Acres): _____

Wildlife Species Benefited: _____

Acres of Access Provided: _____

Acres of Habitat Enhanced / Improved: _____

Landowner: (Please list all private landowners of property where the work was done.)

Participation: List and describe participation of other organizations that participated in this project.

Equipment and Supplies: List all A&H equipment & supplies that are on hand after completion of this project.

Funding:

Access and Habitat Funds Utilized:

Matching Dollars Utilized:

Final Payment Request:

If final A&H payment is needed, indicate requested A&H fund amount: \$

(Note: this should correspond to attached invoices, Fund Release Form & budget summary table)

1. Briefly describe the project objective(s):

- 2. Describe the project accomplishments** (*indicate any changes from proposed to actual accomplishments in scheduling, treatment methods, treatment acres, miles of fence, plantings, seeding, patrol efforts, cooperator activities, etc. – if applicable*)

- 3. Summarize how Access & Habitat and Cooperator funds were spent on this project** (*indicate any changes from proposed to actual spending activities*):

Expenditure Category (i.e. materials, labor, equipment)	A&H Funds	Cooperator(s)	Total Cost

- 4. Summarize the public access provided through this project** (*if applicable*):

Recreation Activity	Number of Individuals	Number of Recreation Days	Season (Fall/Winter/Spring)	Is this a New Access?	Was Access Provided Pre-Project?
Deer hunting				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Elk hunting				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Game bird hunting				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Emergency hunts				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Damage hunts				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Other hunting				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Angling				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Viewing/Other				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

5. Describe the education opportunities provided through this project (if applicable):

6. Describe how the project has benefited fish and wildlife and/or fish and wildlife habitat:

7. Describe how the project has benefited you as a landowner (...or conservation group, association, agency, cooperator, etc.):

8. Were photographs or slides taken of the completed project?

- Yes No Photos/slides are included with this report

*Please attach a color photo(s) or slides of the completed project with the date, location and project number.

9. Additional comments (i.e. other information that may be helpful in evaluating the project, your comments/impressions of the Access & Habitat Program):

Grantee Signature: _____ Date:

If you need additional space to respond, please continue answers on the back of these pages. These reports are very important for program evaluation. Your time spent completing this form is appreciated!

Send Report to: Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife
Attn: A&H Program Coordinator
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE
Salem, OR 97302

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- 1) No automatic renewal: projects will be recommended for Commission approval based on their merits.
- 2) Annual hunter use data will be expected for all access projects,
 - a. Hunter use estimates in hunter days (via permits, vehicle counters, manual car counts, etc.)
 - b. Hunter satisfaction (estimates via permits, in-person hunter surveys, etc.)
 - i. Develop/modify online surveys for Enhanced Patrols TMA's
- 3) Use Updated Project Evaluation Form to help rank projects.
 - a. Low: 0-13
 - b. Med: 14-16
 - c. High: 17+
- 4) Balance access and habitat projects among regions as much as possible
 - a. Currently: Generally prioritize short-term commitments (typically habitat projects)
 - i. Consider duration of habitat benefit and landowner stewardship
 - ii. Focus on identified priorities, MDI, SGI
- 5) Reduce A&H funding component of projects:
 - a. Find Federal match funding, not currently leveraging our license dollars.
 - b. Encourage landowner match, can be in-kind materials, labor.
 - c. Encourage partner match, can be in-kind materials, labor.
 - i. Sports groups have grant programs and volunteers
 - ii. Seek help from FFA, youth groups, boy scouts, etc.
 - d. Examine high-cost commitments for potential savings;
 - i. TMA's: reduce hours to most critical periods of enforcement
 - ii. Reduce acreage payment or acres payed for
 - iii. Seek in-kind funding for projects
 - e. Think outside the box: different project funding opportunities (fire reduction projects for access?)
- 6) Determine project cost
 - a. Sometimes landowners just want the problem controlled (hunting administration), no payment required.
 - b. Project Evaluation Form – Payment Tables: Use as starting point; tables don't set price in stone.
- 7) Other considerations
 - Consider the long-term cost across biennia for all multi-year projects, refer to Table 7 in budget reports.
 - Advise landowners of potential tax benefits for in-kind contributions (i.e. bargain sales)
 - Consider regional context (other projects, public land, etc.)
 - Damage issues on adjacent properties.