

Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) Restoration Criteria and Checklist

NOTE: The following criteria and checklist should be considered minimum requirements and may be modified in the future.

Overall Restoration Project Requirements

Restoration and enhancement projects must have an ecological restoration and management plan that is consistent with the highest quality conservation and ecological goals for the restoration site. The plan should give consideration to factors such as soil, topography, geology, and other relevant factors that would provide for the best chance for long-term success of the restoration. The plan should include a timetable for implementing the restoration, identify long-term maintenance and management needs of the restoration and how they will be financed, take advantage of the best available science, and include innovative techniques to achieve the best restoration.

Organizations undertaking restoration activities with funding from the ENRTF must provide an initial restoration evaluation at the completion of the appropriation, and another evaluation three years after the completion of the expenditure. Restorations must be evaluated relative to the state goals and standards in the restoration plan, current science, and, when applicable, the Board of Water and Soil Resources native vegetation establishment and enhancement guidelines. The evaluation shall determine whether the restorations are meeting planned goals, identify any problems with the implementation of the restorations, and, if necessary, give recommendations on improving restorations. The evaluation shall be focused on improving future restorations.

All restoration and enhancement projects must be on land permanently protected by a conservation easement or public ownership or occur in public waters.

Project managers must give consideration to contracting with the Conservation Corps Minnesota for contract restoration and enhancement services.

Fulfilling Restoration Requirements in Reporting to the LCCMR

Documented in Work Plan

1. Stipulation that each restoration will have an ecological restoration plan that is consistent with the highest quality conservation and ecological goals for the restoration site. Include an explanation of the components of the restoration plan.
2. Identify long-term maintenance and management needs of the restoration and how the needs will be financed
3. Stipulate that an initial restoration evaluation with the attributes described above will be provided at completion of the appropriation as part of final report and a second evaluation will be completed three years after the completion of the expenditure.
4. Stipulate that restorations are being conducted on lands permanently protected by a conservation easement or in public ownership or occur in public waters.
5. Describe how consideration will be given to contracting with Conservation Corps Minnesota.
6. Provide a list of proposed restoration projects, as described in work plan instructions.
7. Provide a map showing location of restoration projects at the parcel-scale.