Richardson Hill Road Landfill Trustee Council

RESTORATION SUGGESTION FORM
RICHARDSON HILL ROAD LANDFILL NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

Background:
The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and New York State completed a natural resource damage assessment at the Richardson Hill Road Landfill (Site) in 2015. We are in the process of identifying potential restoration projects to address injuries to and lost use of natural resources.

The Site, located in the Towns of Sidney and Masonville, Delaware County, New York, was used as a refuse disposal area from 1962 through 1969. The Site accepted a variety of hazardous wastes that contaminated wetlands, uplands and Herrick Hollow Creek, causing injury to fish and wildlife resources. Also, residents were advised not to consume fish from Herrick Hollow Creek due to polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) concentrations in excess of New York State Department of Health guidelines.

The Trustees sought monetary settlement with the responsible parties as compensation for the injuries to natural resources due to release of environmental contaminants from the Site. Approximately $270,000 is available for restoration projects that are intended to restore, replace or acquire the equivalent of the natural resources that were injured by Site contaminants or address lost human uses of natural resources, such as impacts to recreational fishing. The Trustees request restoration suggestions in the following categories:

Wetland restoration
Upland restoration
Stream restoration
Acquisition or protection of land for conservation purposes
Projects to enhance fishing or other outdoor recreational activities

Projects should preferably be proposed in the vicinity of the Richardson Hill Road Landfill, in the Upper Delaware or Susquehanna watersheds. Appropriate restoration projects do **not** include the development of plans, conduct of studies, or support of programs or other projects that do not result in the restoration or protection of habitat or improvement in outdoor recreational opportunities.

We invite you to submit suggestions for restoration projects. Our restoration project evaluation criteria include:

- Connection to injured resource (proximity, linkage to resources or resource services affected by hazardous substance releases)
- Likelihood of success
- Cost effectiveness
- Ability to produce demonstrable, quantifiable benefits

More information about the Natural Resource Damage Assessment can be found at:
http://www.fws.gov/northeast/nyfo/ec/RichardsonHill.htm

Instructions:
Please complete as many sections as possible. Your suggestion will still be considered even if you are unable to fill out every section. If you need more space, please use additional paper and label appropriate sections. Send completed forms to Anne Secord (anne_secord@fws.gov):
Deadline: December 1, 2015

Your Name:	**Street Address:**
City, State, Zip:	**Phone and Email:**

Project Description: Please describe the restoration project.

Project goals: Briefly describe the purpose of the restoration project and explain how the project would address injured resources and/or losses to the public.

Project goals, continued: Will the restoration project accomplish any of the following (check all that apply):

☐ Enhance fish habitat and or fish species (e.g., dam removal, fish passage, stocking, spawning habitat, stream improvements).

☐ Enhance avian resources (e.g., nesting enhancement, species protection, habitat enhancement or protection).

☐ Enhance, restore, and protect wetland habitat.

☐ Enhance reptiles and amphibians.

☐ Provide invasive species control.

☐ Enhance or protect rare, threatened and endangered species or species of special concern.

☐ Enhance or restore terrestrial, aquatic, and/or semi-aquatic mammals.

☐ Provide new or enhance fishing/boating opportunities.

☐ Provide new or enhance natural resource cultural or recreational activities

☐ Enhance natural resource education/outreach

Project Location and Cost: If you have a specific site in mind, briefly describe location; town/city and county; other identifying landmarks; historic conditions of site; potential cost (if known) and the landowner.

Actions to date: If known, briefly describe any actions, studies, or funding commitments that have already been initiated for this project.

Participants: If known, please identify agencies/organizations likely to participate in project.
Contacts: Please provide names, addresses, phone numbers of people knowledgeable about the site and the proposed project.
PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS NOT A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS. TRUSTEE SELECTION OF A PROJECT FOR CONSIDERATION DOES NOT IMPLY THAT THE PROJECT PROPONENT WILL BE SELECTED FOR PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!