



SARP's Aquatic Habitat Restoration Program **FY 2027 National Fish Habitat Partnership Funding Opportunity**

Request for Projects

SARP is now accepting aquatic habitat restoration project ideas for FY 2027 funding!!

SARP, with funding from the National Fish Habitat Partnership (NFHP), will support projects in the conservation opportunity areas designated throughout the SARP geography that focus on restoration and enhancement. NFHP funding provides an opportunity for state, federal, and local governments, nongovernmental organizations, and universities to participate in the ongoing process of conservation, management, and restoration in the SARP geography.

Pending availability of funding allocation amounts, we expect awards to range from \$10,000 to \$100,000. These funds can **only** be used for habitat restoration, acquisition, or enhancement projects and should have a minimum of a 50% non-federal match (except for projects of the government of the US Virgin Islands).

Priority will be given to those projects that enhance recreational, commercial, subsistence, or traditional fishing opportunities through habitat improvements and public access, that benefit the local economy, and that have a public educational component. To be eligible, a project must occur in a [SARP Conservation Priority Area](#), a [SECAS Conservation Blueprint priority area](#), or a priority area identified in a state or federal management plan. Projects that occur in a SARP Conservation Priority Area will score the highest. Projects must fulfill at least one of the following SARP objectives:

1. **Conserve waters and habitats where all processes and functions are operating within their expected range or natural variation.**
2. **Conserve hydrologic conditions for fish.**
3. **Conserve physical and living habitats and features that support viable and sustainable species and/or populations in impacted or at-risk systems.**
4. **Reconnect fragmented fish habitats.**
5. **Conserve water quality for fish.**

For details and a list of priority actions, see the [Southeast Aquatic Habitat Plan](#).

These funds cannot be used for lobbying activities.

Applicants are strongly urged to discuss project ideas and questions prior to submitting a project for consideration. Interested parties should please complete an application for consideration of funding

as described below. To discuss project ideas or for questions, please contact SARP Program Manager, Todd Ewing at todd@southeastaquatics.net.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Project funding assistance requests should be submitted by completing the fillable MS Word form (form can be completed using the free LibreOffice Writer as well)

1. Request the application (MS Word document) by emailing Todd Ewing at todd@southeastaquatics.net.
2. Complete the form using the specific guidance provided. Please keep responses to specified character limits.
3. Once complete, submit the form and any supplemental materials via email to [Todd Ewing](#) by Friday, August 28, 2026.

Please note: Proposals submitted not using the fillable form, that are outside of designated priority areas, or those that are not restoration/enhancement or acquisition projects will be deemed ineligible for funding.

Please share this announcement with all who may be interested in aquatic habitat restoration for the benefit of the southeastern United States.

Eligible entities include governmental agencies and non-governmental organizations that are able to receive funds from the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

PROJECT FUNDING TIMELINE

August 28, 2026 – Proposals due to SARP

Spring/Summer 2027 – Funding awards announced

Summer/Fall 2027 – Financial awards processed for approved projects