



**Application for Water Trails Site Planning
and Work Crew Assistance:**



Due Nov. 30, 2011
Submit Applications via e-mail to Luke Wright
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Site planning and project implementation assistance is available for well-designed, low-tech projects related to water trails in Iowa. Only project sites on designated water trails or water trails under development are eligible. The purpose of this application is intended to provide enhancements or specialized skills for installation or construction projects in the dynamic river setting. It is not intended to replace regular maintenance duties, such as silt removal at boat ramps or replacing existing signs. Only projects that can be planned, permitted, and constructed within a one-year timeframe will be selected.

This is not a funding source, but is to be used for limited design, planning, and crew work, materials, and heavy equipment contracting. A materials budget may be allotted to your project after it is accepted, determined, and designed on or around Jan. 15. Please refer to the guidelines in the [Water Trails Design Manual](#) found at before completing the application.

Applications are due Nov. 30 2011. We encourage inviting our staff to the site for a pre-review prior submitting your application, but cannot guarantee a visit prior to the application deadline. E-mail Luke Wright with any questions.

You are welcome to attend the scoring meeting on December 13th at 4pm. The meeting will take place at the Wallace Building, 502 East 9th Street, Des Moines, Iowa. The meeting room will be **conference room 5 west (5W)** located on the 5th floor. Results will be released by the following day.

Examples of past projects include, but are not limited to:

- Dam warning sign plans and installations.
- Portage trail or carry-down trail construction.
- Limited scale universal accessibility access projects.
- Canoe or kayak launch/landing construction.
- Clearing and parking lots.
- Paddle-in campsite construction.
- Snag / logjam relocation projects will be considered when sustainable alternatives are available.
- Storm water infiltration, bio-retention, and filter strips to manage run off.

Current priorities are to enhance recreation safety at dams, universal accessibility design projects, and water accesses that incorporate stream restoration techniques.

Upon request, as project design is developed, the crew can include the following equipment and operating skills:

- Project siting/planning/design and permitting assistance (Field Specialist – work is done prior to project)
- Hand-tools, including trail building equipment, shovels, rack, Pulaskis, McCleods, etc.
- Trained chainsaw operation, including boat based operation and log jam modifications.
- “Mini” heavy equipment including walk-behind tracked skid steer (500-lb tipping point), gator with dump box, gas powered drill/cutter, gas powered jackhammer.
- Canoes and a motorized Jon boat.
- Minor carpentry and narrow-path (6’ wide or less) concrete work.
- ¾-Ton pick-up, dump trailer, enclosed trailer.

Application is for work in the following calendar year (work season is approximately July 15 to Nov. 15). Use the following **checklist** to ensure all needed forms are supplied:

- A. Contact information
- B. Project Background/Overview
- C. Application Ranking Criteria
- D. Drawings/Maps of Project Area(s)

A. CONTACT INFORMATION

Project Name: _____

Applicant:

Name of Applicant: _____

Organization Applying with/for: _____

Contact Phone Numbers: (w) _____ (c) _____

Contact Email Address: _____

Project Site:

Project County: _____

Water Trail Name: _____

Project Address: _____

GPS Points if Known: _____

If there are any questions please e-mail Luke Wright at Luke.Wright@dnr.iowa.gov.

- B. PROJECT BACKGROUND/OVERVIEW:** What is the basic overview of the project work being requested? Is there a preferred timeline during the work season? **(20 Points)**

C. APPLICATION RANKING CRITERIA

1. Describe availability of facilities to house up to eight workers (can range from spike camping to bunkhouse lodging or other... please describe any kitchen facilities to bathroom and shower amenities for a mixed gender crew). **(5 points)**

2. Describe likely “rainy day projects” that would be available in case working along the river during the scheduled period is not possible. Higher points will be awarded to projects that would relate to the water-trail in some way. **(10 points)**

3. Are you willing to have your project viewed by our field assistant/designer and adapt project plan changes to be in accordance with established water trails and low-head dam planning principles in Iowa? Please refer to the Water Trails Development manual found at:
<http://www.iowadnr.gov/riverprograms/watertrails.html>. **(10 points)**

4. Are joint application permits already in place, or would you need assistance? **(5 points)**

D. DRAWINGS/MAPS OF PROJECT AREA(S)

Please include a sketch-plan for each project area and any photographs that may be of assistance. Please note approximate bank heights where appropriate, and show location in relationship to river's bend. Indicate a north arrow, and approximate scale. Note estimated quantities of materials that will be needed for the project if known. Additional pages may be attached if needed or any pictures or aeriels of the site that may be helpful.

Please attach any additional pages as needed.

Minority Impact Statement

Pursuant to 2008 Iowa Acts, HF 2393, Iowa Code Section 8.11, all grant applications submitted to the State of Iowa which are due beginning January 1, 2009 shall include a Minority Impact Statement. This is the state's mechanism to require grant applicants to consider the potential impact of the grant project's proposed programs or policies on minority groups.

**Please choose the statement(s) that pertains to this grant application.
Complete all the information requested for the chosen statement(s).**

- The proposed grant project programs or policies could have a disproportionate or unique **positive** impact on minority persons.

Describe the positive impact expected from this project

Indicate which group is impacted:

- Women
- Persons with a Disability
- Blacks
- Latinos
- Asians
- Pacific Islanders
- American Indians
- Alaskan Native Americans
- Other

- The proposed grant project programs or policies could have a disproportionate or unique **negative** impact on minority persons.

Describe the negative impact expected from this project

Present the rationale for the existence of the proposed program or policy.

Provide evidence of consultation of representatives of the minority groups impacted.

Indicate which group is impacted:

- Women
- Persons with a Disability
- Blacks
- Latinos
- Asians
- Pacific Islanders
- American Indians
- Alaskan Native Americans
- Other

- The proposed grant project programs or policies are **not expected to have** a disproportionate or unique impact on minority persons.

Present the rationale for determining no impact.

I hereby certify that the information on this form is complete and accurate, to the best of my knowledge: Name: _____

Title: _____

Definitions

“Minority Persons”, as defined in Iowa Code Section 8.11, mean individuals who are women, persons with a disability, Blacks, Latinos, Asians or Pacific Islanders, American Indians, and Alaskan Native Americans.

“Disability”, as defined in Iowa Code Section 15.102, subsection 5, paragraph “b”, subparagraph (1):

b. As used in this subsection:

(1) *"Disability"* means, with respect to an individual, a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of the individual, a record of physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of the individual, or being regarded as an individual with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of the individual.

"Disability" does not include any of the following:

- (a) Homosexuality or bisexuality.
- (b) Transvestism, transsexualism, pedophilia, exhibitionism, voyeurism, gender identity disorders not resulting from physical impairments or other sexual behavior disorders.
- (c) Compulsive gambling, kleptomania, or pyromania.
- (d) Psychoactive substance abuse disorders resulting from current illegal use of drugs.

“State Agency”, as defined in Iowa Code Section 8.11, means a department, board, bureau, commission, or other agency or authority of the State of Iowa.