

## Restoration Project Review & Selection Criteria

### Site Ownership & Management

- Is the site eligible from a **public ownership** perspective? YES NO
- What type of government entity owns the land: Local Regional State Other
- What type of government entity manages the land: Local Regional State Other
- What is the objective of the restoration site?
  - Are there **clear ecological and community (e.g., shoreline protection) objectives** for the project, and were they developed *in conjunction with the Nearshore Habitat Steering Committee's [inventory of restoration resources](#)*?
- Is this project linked to a broader restoration and/or habitat recovery plan?
- Are there **feasible opportunities to acquire project construction funds**? What are they?
- Does the property owner/manager or their partner(s) have the capacity to seek construction funds?
- If constructed, does the property owner have plans for long-term maintenance of the site?
  - If so, briefly describe those plans.
- Is the property manager planning on conducting restoration monitoring of the site? Is this monitoring dependent on additional funding?
- Has the property owner/manager previously engaged in successful habitat restoration project(s)? If YES, summarize projects details.
- Is there community support for the restoration project at this site? What does this support look like (e.g. letters of support, active involvement in process or project, etc.)?

### Project Costs, Design Elements & Permit Considerations

- Given the proposed project elements, is available planning money (38k) adequate to develop a plan?
- What permitting requirements are anticipated with this plan?
  - How will the project plan include elements to meet or exceed all permit requirements?

- Will best practices or best available standards/guidance be applied to plan design, construction and maintenance?
  - Which best practices will be employed (e.g. VIMRC's CCRM's, etc.)
- Is there opportunity for community education and outreach related to environmental literacy and/or stewardship?
- How are maintenance and monitoring elements included in the plan?
  - What is the potential for self-maintenance?
- Are there metrics established to determine project success?
- Is there a project timeline?

### **Ecological Benefits**

- Which estuarine habitats types are included in this project? Marsh SAV Oyster
- How will ecosystem structure and function improve with this project?
- Are there target species considerations?
- What is the connectivity to other critical habitats?

### **Additional notes:**