Niagara River Regional Habitat Restoration Strategy

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Key Project Objectives and Tasks

Objective 1 – Facilitate Strategy Collaboration

- Tasks:
  - Support grant administration and project management
  - Coordinate public outreach and community involvement (24 meetings)
  - Facilitate meetings and provide E & E technical support to Riverkeeper

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Key Project Objectives and Tasks (Cont.)

Objective 2 – Contribute to the Development of a Habitat Database for the Niagara River Watershed for Use by Regional Stakeholders

- Tasks:
  - Identify currently available data sets
  - Collect data to fill gaps
  - Update existing datasets
  - Evaluate updated datasets

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Key Project Objectives and Tasks (Cont.)

Objective 3 – Identify, Screen, Analyze and Categorize Potential Areas for Protection and Restoration

- Field assessments completed (30 sites)
- Detailed conceptual planning completed (up to 5 sites)

- Tasks:
  - Evaluate initial list of potential restoration sites
  - Develop site assessment screening protocol
  - Conduct site suitability screening
  - Update watershed database

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Key Project Objectives and Tasks (Cont.)

Objective 4 – Establish Framework for a Regional Restoration Monitoring Program

- Tasks:
  - Identify measures to effectively protect and maintain project sites
  - Utilize performance-based measures and metrics

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Key Project Objectives and Tasks (Cont.)

Objective 5 – Provide Support for Regional Habitat Restoration Initiatives and the Delisting Process of Beneficial Use Impairments (BUIs) in the Niagara River Area of Concern (AOC)

- Tasks:
  - Prepare and complete Strategy Report
  - Facilitate stakeholder comments and input on draft Strategy Report

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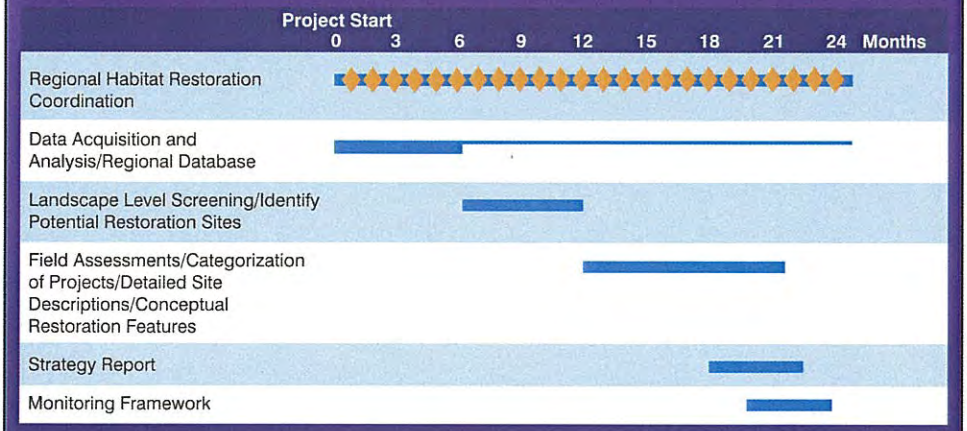
Schedule



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Budget Summary

Regional Habitat Restoration Coordination –	$100,524 (2 years)
Technical Support for Coordination –	$20,992 (24 meetings)
Data Acquisition and Analysis/Support of Regional Database –	$78,925
Landscape Level Screening/Identify Potential Restoration Sites –	$72,535
Field Assessments/Categorization of Projects/Detailed Site Descriptions/ Conceptual Restoration Features –	$128,917
Strategy Report –	$63,206
Monitoring Framework –	$26,928
Total Strategy Budget –	**$492,096**

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Questions?