

## Choose Your Own Adventure Project Template

*Do you have an idea for a conservation project that would benefit your community and local environment that doesn't quite fit the other CTP Project Templates? Not a problem! Use this worksheet to build your own conservation adventure and guide your project development.*



### Ideas for Additional Projects:

- Develop & propose climate change mitigation or adaptation plan for municipality
- Create natural resource reuse program
- Propose or install green infrastructure, pollinator gardens or urban community garden
- Develop environmental education activities

**What is the general idea or topic that you are interested in pursuing for your project?** (note: it does not need to be one of the ideas listed above)

**Why is this an important topic or issue to address in your community?**

**IMPORTANT:** Once you've completed this handout and outlined your project, take photos of all pages (including additional pages that describe your project plan) and email it to [nrca@uconn.edu](mailto:nrca@uconn.edu) so that we can best assist you during your project.



## **Your Project Plan**

*The following is a guide to assist you in your project planning. You may wish to develop your own strategy. If you follow this outline below, however, it's not necessary to fill in every box; you may want to add or modify the sections below to best help you develop your project.*

### **Step 1: Determine your project duration**

The scope of your project should be determined by how much time you are able to commit to the project. All team members need to contribute equally to the project. As a team, determine the total amount of time you will be able to dedicate to this project.

- ☐ 3-5 weeks

☐ 6-8 weeks

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Compare schedules and list some tentative times that might work for your field work. For example, do you want to wrap up the project before the end of summer? Before the holiday season sets in? Are there days of the week after school/work/other that are most accommodating for your schedules or days/dates that you are unavailable to meet?

### **Step 2: Determine what specific issue or topic your project will address**

Describe the specific question your project will address, your project goals and what you envision the end product(s) to be. Be as specific as possible, as it will guide the approaches that will be used.

Specific question or issue project addresses:

Project goals:

Project products:



**Step 3: Determine the types of components that will be included in your project** (select all applicable)

- ☐ Research, monitoring, or restoration (see Step 4)
- ☐ Community programs, public education or outreach projects (see Step 5)
- ☐ Mapping project (see Step 6)
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Step 4: For research, monitoring or restoration projects**

Determine study area and sites:

Determine what you are sampling or what you are restoring:

Determine sampling or restoration method:

Determine sampling period and sampling frequency:

Tentative schedule for field visit(s), if needed:

Determine how results will be mapped or analyzed:



**Step 5: For community programs, public education or outreach projects**

Determine target audience(s):

Determine key message(s):

Determine research/information gathering needed:

Determine method of outreach:

**Step 6: For mapping projects**

Determine what you want to map:

Determine mapping technologies you will be using (e.g., Track Kit, Epicollect):

Choose formats for making maps accessible (e.g., online interactive map, story map, printed maps):

Develop plan for upkeep and updating of map:



**Step 7: Determine the tools & technology you'll need**

Describe how you will use Track-Kit, Epicollect, Google Maps and/or any other apps or technology (note: you do not need to use both apps if not necessary):

Describe other technology you will need (*e.g.*, 360 degree camera, camera traps, acoustic monitoring, video cameras, etc.) and list any equipment or resources you need.

**Step 5: Determine final product and how you will share your results**

Describe how you will document your project (*e.g.*, report, poster, video, story map, interactive map, outreach materials, Online NRCA Project Form).





Describe where you will showcase your project (e.g., put on a community event, present at organization meeting, present at a regional conference, distribute education materials, share products on website/social media, share on NRCA website via conference poster or Online NRCA Project Form form).

### **Project Timeline**

*Use the table below to assign deadlines and teammates to tasks, and list resources needed, as appropriate. Make sure the timeline fits within the time your team is able to commit to the project.*

General Timeline	Project Tasks	Resources Needed	Assign Teammates to Tasks

