

Attachment A

FY 2013 DISTRIBUTION OF CCSP PROGRAM FUNDS

Program Type	Allocated Amount
<u>1/3 will be dedicated to National Trail System Projects</u>	FY 2012 Estimate \$129,000
<u>2/3 Regular Challenge Cost Share National Watertrail System projects</u>	FY 2012 Estimate \$258,000

NPS – Call to Action goal: To connect people to parks in the next century.

Action: Support communities’ efforts to expand access to water-based recreation and to protect and restore waterways across the country by establishing a national water trail system.

National Water Trail System

Vision: To create a distinctive national network of water trails which are cooperatively supported and sustained by public, private, and/or nonprofit entities.

A National Water Trail System will uniquely connect Americans to the nation’s waterways and strengthen the conservation and restoration of these waterways through the mutual support of Federal, state, local and NGO programs.

- a. Establish a national system of exceptional National Recreation Water Trails.
- b. Become a catalyst for restoring the health of local waterways and surrounding lands.
- c. Establish a community that mentors and promotes the development of water trails and shares best management practices.

Definition: *Water trails* are recreational routes defined on waterways with a network of public access points, promoted by broad-based community partnerships. Water trails provide recreational opportunities both from the water and from land.

Regular Challenge Cost Share funds: On designated National Water Trails address one or more of the Benchmark Best Management Practices: Recreation Opportunities; Education; Conservation; Community Support; Public Information; Sustainability; Planning; or overall National Water trail System support.

National Water Trail System - benchmark best management practices

- **Recreation Opportunities**
The water trail route has established public access points that accommodate a diversity of trip lengths and provides access to a variety of recreation, cultural and historic opportunities along the route.
- **Education**
The water trail users are provided with opportunities to learn about natural and cultural heritage, paddling skills, and outdoor ethics.
- **Conservation**
The water trail provides opportunities for communities to develop and implement strategies that enhance and restore the health of the local waterways and surrounding lands.
- **Community Support**
Local communities support the viability and stewardship of the water trail.
- **Public Information**

The public is provided with accessible and understandable water trail information including details for identifying access and trail routes, features, hazards, and water quality.

- **Sustainability**

The management entities are able to demonstrate the ability to support routine maintenance of the water trail. The facilities that support the water trail opportunities are designed, constructed, and maintained incorporating best management principles.

- **Planning**

The management entities maintain a water trail plan that describes a vision, desired future conditions, facility needs, public access, stewardship, and recreation objectives.

- **Network and Promote** the National Water Trail System