**FY15 GIT Funding Project Form**

**Goal Implementation Team: Public Access**

**GIT Priority Ranking:**

**Proposal Tracking Number: (assigned prior to RFP release)**

**Table 1: Project Description**

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| **Project Title** | Develop Paddle-in campsites |
| **Project Category** | Implementation Projects |
| **Goal/Outcome** | Public Access Goal: Expand the opportunity for boat-in campsites along the John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail, specifically on the James and Potomac River segments. Would increase needed public access towards the 300 site goal and make the trail more useable by paddlers doing extended trips. |
| **Estimated Cost** | $25,000 to $30,000 for approximately 6 new camping areas. Each area consisting of 3-4 primitive campsites costs around $5,000 for supplies and materials. These projects could be done in conjunction with youth crews expanding their experience and appreciation for the Bay. Projects would be undertaken by an MOU with the site manager. |
| **Justification: Description of why this work is needed in support of a management strategy?** | One of the key findings of the Bay Watershed Public Access Plan and subsequent management strategy was the need for primitive boat-in/paddle-in campsites. This project would help to fill major gaps in the availability of boat-in camping spots with a focus along the Potomac and James River segments of the Trail. (Both of which have completed trail segment plans.) This would give paddlers the ability to make extended trips and explore the Smith Trail over consecutive days. It would enhance local tourism by providing the opportunity for longer paddle itineraries allowing visitors to spend more time on the trail. Users would have the opportunity to make stronger connections with the trail and the Bay resources leading to more Bay stewards. Each developed site would also count as a new public access site towards the 300 site goal. |
| **Cross-Goal Benefits: What other goals may be advanced through this work?** | Citizen Stewardship (youth engagement): This project offers the opportunity for youth corps folks to actually build the sites and increase their appreciation for Bay resources. It will also allow for more exploratory trips by paddlers on the Bay thus increasing their interest and support as Bay stewards.  Diversity: This will increase the opportunity for all segments of the population to take multiday trips on Smith Trail segments by providing safe locations for overnight stays. |

**Table 2: Project Details**

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| **Technical Lead** | NPS – CHBA, State Agency Partner or NGO working though MOU’s |
| **Detailed Statement of Work (1),(2)** | This project would be divided into three phases:  First phase would be to identify specific sites and partners for development of paddle-in campsites.  Second phase would be to identify costs, funding mechanism, and process for site construction, including use of appropriate youth corps if available, and any needed site management guidelines.  Third Phase would be the actual construction of the site. |
| **Estimated Project Duration** | November 2015 through October of 2016 |
| **Outputs and Due Dates** | November 2015 through February 2016 determine specific sites and partners for project implementation.  March 2016 through May 2016 develop MOU with site manager or other group handling construction, determine costs and funding process. Also determine if a Youth Corps is available to do/assist with project.  June 2016 through October 2016 construct and open primitive camping sites at selected locations. |
| **Description of Skills and Experience Required of awardee** | Skill and knowledge of building primitive camping sites with necessary support facilities. Must be aware of any necessary permitting requirements and very low impact development in riparian areas. |

1. Provide a description of background information, stakeholder participants, the sequence and purpose of work activities, and how the outputs are to be used in implementing CBP management strategies
2. Indicate whether environmental data will be generated and whether a quality assurance plan will be required