



## **Ohio Horseman's Council & Ohio State Parks Partnership Project**

Ohio State Parks (OSP) is partnering with OHC to improve OSP horse trails. OSP has set aside \$10,000 for this fiscal year for one or more trail improvement projects on Ohio State Park horse trails. Examples include trail clearing, muddy sections needing assistance with heavy equipment, and supply purchases such as gravel, Geotech Fabric, etc. OSP is asking for your assistance in identifying partnership projects across the state. If an OHC county chapter has a project on state park trails where an engineering plan is not required for approval, submit the project using the attached form **“OHC/OSP Partnership Project Application Form”** by December 15, 2024. A chapter or multiple chapters can submit projects in increments of \$2500, \$5000, \$7500 or up to \$10,000. OSP will follow State of Ohio purchasing guidelines to order or purchase materials.

This OSP partnership project is a separate and one-time offer. OHC will continue to award \$8,250 to its chapters and regions yearly as part of the OHC grant money request, where money is awarded directly to the chapter.

### **To Suggest a State Park Horse Trail Partnership Project to Ohio State Parks:**

- Submit your request to Bobbi Arters, Trails Grants Chair, by December 15, 2024, using the attached “OHC/OSP Partnership Project Application Form.” The form can be found at [ohconline.com](http://ohconline.com) under “Documents” under “All OHC Members.”
- By mid-December, OHC will review with OSP to determine the feasibility of the project(s), a potential timeline, final selection of the projects, etc. On January 10, 2025, the OHC Executive Cabinet (EC) meets with the Trails Grant Chair to review and vote on projects for the OHC Grant Money applications. At the same time, the OHC/OSP Partnership Projects will be given final approval.
- The OHC Trail Grants Chair will notify the chapter(s) soon after January 10 on the outcome of voting by the EC on OHC Grant Money applications and OHC/OSP Partnership Projects. OSP will notify their teams of the OHC/OSP Partnership Project applications.

### **Frequently Asked Questions – FAQs**

#### **When is the project to be completed?**

December 31, 2025; however, materials must be purchased by June 1, 2025 (by OSP staff).

#### **What does OSP provide?**

OSP will purchase materials for an approved partnership project(s).

#### **Can we build a shelter at the campground?**

This project is not for permanent structures or engineered-type projects.

#### **What is the best project to submit?**

Consider “outside the campground” and on the trails where you need to harden them with gravel, Geotech, water bars, etc. If you have a trail you want to improve, reroute, or rehabilitate and can estimate the cost to be \$2,500, \$5,000, \$7,500 or \$10,000, this is the best project for this partnership.

#### **Can volunteers claim time and expenses on the yearly trail work hours report?**

Yes, except you cannot claim the money or equipment provided by OSP. The chapter did not incur that cost.

## OHC/OSP Partnership Project Application Form

### PURPOSE:

Ohio State Parks (OSP) is partnering with OHC to improve existing OSP horse trails. OSP has set aside \$10,000 for this fiscal year for one or more trail improvement partnership projects.

### ELIGIBLE:

Any County Chapter of the Ohio Horseman's Council is eligible to apply.

### PROJECT IDEAS:

Examples include trail reroutes, rehabilitation, clearing, repairing muddy sections that need assistance from heavy equipment, and purchasing supplies such as gravel and Geotech Fabric.

### PROJECT RECIPIENTS MUST:

- I. Provide a service to the equine community to be completed by December 31, 2025.
- II. Submit a completed application.
- III. Further directions will be given to selected projects, once approved.

### APPLICATIONS TO BE SUBMITTED BY:

Mail or Email BY December 15, 2024 to Bobbi Arters via email, or USPS.

USPS MAILING ADDRESS: 6717 LOTT RD, SUNBURY, OH 43074

EMAIL ADDRESS: agin1980@aol.com

### QUESTIONS?

Contact Bobbi Arters Via Email: agin1980@aol.com or call or text at 216-536-1837. You may also contact Mary Alice Kuhn via Email: [president@ohconline.com](mailto:president@ohconline.com), or call or text at 330-413-6589.

### PROJECT INFORMATION:

Chapter Name \_\_\_\_\_

State Park \_\_\_\_\_

Application dollar amount-check one:  \$2500     \$5000     \$7500     \$10000

Chapter contact: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Regional Representative Name \_\_\_\_\_

Has the regional rep been notified of the project? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_

### EVALUATION CRITERIA/PROJECT IMPACT:

In the next few pages, please describe the proposed project in detail. Be sure to answer some of the following as you detail project goals, costs, and implementation:

- Will the project be of long-term use, such as clearing an existing equine trail?
- Will the project benefit the entire OHC membership or only a local region?
- Will others in the community or only OHC members participate in the project?

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### **PROJECT DEFINITION:**

Briefly explain the benefits to the equine community and the size and scope of this project.

### **PROJECT TIMELINE:**

Please provide details of how the proposed project will be implemented. Include a timeline of events with the number of days required for the project and describe the number of volunteers involved in completing it.

### **PURCHASED MATERIALS:**

Please provide an estimated quantity, description, and price for materials to be purchased.

### **FUNDING OF THE PROJECT:**

Since OSP is funding the project, please list if the Chapter will use additional funds to complete it. Also, list the equipment needed and what, if any, is provided by OSP or OHC.

### **PROJECT DETAILS:**

Please explain, if any, what obstacle(s) need to be addressed to ensure the timely implementation of this project.

### **PLEASE LIST ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:**

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NOTE: Chapters will not be required to submit expenses or receipts. However, for anything additional (money or equipment) needed beyond the OSP partnership support, chapters will want to keep a "tab" on time and expenses so they can report it on yearly trail maintenance activities. Pictures and stories will help promote the success of your efforts in the equine community. Please share with OHC via Bobbi Arters Email: [agin1980@aol.com](mailto:agin1980@aol.com). You may be asked to present your project at future OHC meetings.

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and accurate. I certify that I possess the authority to apply for this funding on behalf of the chapter(s).

Signature of Authorized Chapter Representative & Title

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Approval Signature of Park Manager or Park Representative

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

