

PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

The criteria below will help you determine if your project is a suitable volunteer opportunity with VOC.

In addition, please review the [services VOC provides to partners](#), [our current project schedule](#), and an overview of the application process.

Minimum Partnership Requirements (*What we need from project partners*):

- Act as the liaison between your agency/organization and VOC.
- Ensure that an agency/organization representative is either on-site or available during project day(s).
- Conduct an initial project review in 2025 through our scouting process and 1-2 site visits with the VOC project team in 2026.
- Provide any required project materials, including any materials needed to accomplish project work (e.g., lumber, plants, seed). VOC asks that our project partners provide these, but exceptions can be made.
- Work with VOC to provide appropriate emergency planning and response. Specific requirements may vary depending on project location.
- Provide sufficient parking for all projects and camping areas for overnight projects.
- Arrange for water and sanitation services. All toilet facilities must be provided by the project partner. Unless in the case of a backcountry project, exceptions are rarely made.
- Agree to assist VOC in planning a low-impact and/or zero-waste project.
- Assist with local community outreach and volunteer recruitment, if needed.
- Help VOC show appreciation for project volunteers.

Suggested Partnership Criteria (*Not required, but serves as a helpful guide*):

- There is a critical need for the project, such as high visitation, environmental degradation (including damage from fires or floods), threats to wildlife, water, or other resources, local community considerations, etc.

- It has been identified as a high priority for your agency/organization/community.
- The work can be accomplished in the agreed-to time frame and during our field season (April through October).
- The project will provide a rewarding, enjoyable, and safe volunteer experience.
- There are opportunities for local community involvement.
- There are additional educational and/or recreational opportunities associated with the project.
- All required environmental studies, such as NEPA, will be completed before project planning begins.
- Your organization can assist in securing funding, sponsorships, grants, and/or other project resources such as in-kind support.

Contact [Kelly Clouse](#) at [303-715-1010 ext. 118](#) for any questions or assistance with your application.