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Q1 Name of your organization.

The Shenandoah National Park Trust

Q2 Grant #

20160821

Q3 Grant Period

12/1/2016-11/30/2017

Q4 Location of your organization

City	Charlottesville
State	VA

Q5 Name and Title of person completing evaluation.

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Page 2: Key Outcomes and Results

Q8 Total number of clients served through this grant funding:

1,000+

Q9 Describe the project's key outcomes and results based on the goals and objectives. Use the following format: State the Goal: State Objective 1: Describe the Activities, Results and Outcomes for Objective 1: State Objective 2 (if applicable): Describe the Activities, Results and Outcomes for Objective 2: State Objective 3 (if applicable): Describe the Activities, Results and Outcomes for Objective 3:

Goal: To enhance park visitor safety and enjoyment as they explore Shenandoah National Park's trails on foot and by horseback.

Objective: This project improved the condition of 38 trails totaling 74 trail miles during the grant period, bringing each trail up to the standards set forth in the park's Backcountry and Wilderness Management Plan.

Activities:

- Removed over 130 fallen trees on these specific trails/roads
- Mowed and removed encroaching vegetation on 22 hiking and horse trails, plus an additional 15 administrative roads
- Cleaned and repaired 500 water control structures that prevent erosion on trails

Outcomes:

- Thousands of visitors who utilize these trails each year for hiking and horseback riding will have easier access to these trails and a more pleasant experience while on them.
 - Visitor safety has been improved through the removal of hazardous trees, as well as the decrease in likelihood of visitor encounters with ticks that spread disease.
 - The above activities will reduce the number of cultural and natural resources damaged by visitors who go off trail to avoid obstacles and obstructions.
 - In the long-term, this project reduces the number of trails that deteriorate and are closed to visitor use.
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Q10 Please describe any challenges/obstacles the organization encountered (if any) in attaining goals & objectives.

Weather is always a challenge with this type of work, but a more specific challenge arose when the park's Kubota tractor broke down while mowing one of the trails. The trail crew had no way of covering the cost of repairs at that time and this could've potentially set the project back by 3 months or more.

Q11 How did you overcome and/or address the challenges and obstacles?

The park and the Trust worked together to use project funding to pay for the repairs and get the work moving again with a minimal two week delay. To date, the tractor is operational and ready for the next project.

Q12 Describe any unintended positive outcomes as a result of the efforts supported by this grant.

As the trails crews were working along the trails and administrative roads funded by this project, they were also able to continue to make our Park beautiful by cleaning up and removing trash. They took a little extra time to remove trash such as cans and other metal pieces, food wrappers, and paper products. What made this extremely satisfying to the crew was not only removing items that littered our trails, but also recycling the materials.

Q13 Briefly describe the impact this grant has had on the organization and community served.

As hiking gains in popularity, and visitation to our national parks continue to increase, projects like this are vital to ensuring our park's resources are protected and visitors have a safe and enjoyable experience. We've had the opportunity to take more people out on trails because of this grant, and made the trails more accessible to people of different abilities so that they can experience their national park in a new way.

Page 3: Budget

Q14 Please provide a budget expenditure report of the approved line items. Include a brief narrative on how the funds were used to fulfill grant objectives.

Salaries - \$41,040

Supplies- \$500

Field Equipment & Repairs - \$8,460

An adjustment was made to the original budget to accommodate the needed repairs to the mowing equipment noted previously. In addition to funding trails crew staff, this grant made it possible for them to have all of the necessary field equipment including parts for chainsaws and weeders (air filters, sprockets, trimmer heads, chains, etc), replacement parts for hand tools (handles, swing blades, pruning saws, etc), and field safety equip (gloves, tick repellent, safety glasses, ear plugs).

Page 4: Success Stories

Q15 Please relate a success story:

One of the trails that was improved by this project was a formerly popular horseback riding trail that had become unsafe for the horses. It was made a priority project because of this grant and once it was reopened to horses, was utilized by the park to attract new riders to visit and enjoy Shenandoah.

Q16 Please relate a success story here:

Respondent skipped this question

Q17 Please relate a success story here:

Respondent skipped this question

Page 5: Organizational Information

Q18 Which category best describes the organization. Please choose only one.

Environmental

Q19 What is the organization's primary program area of interest?

Environment/Environmental

Q20 Percentage of clients served through grant in each ethnic group category. Total must equal 100%

Unknown

100

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Q21 Approximate percentage of clients served from grant funds in each age category.

Children Birth-05 years of age	10
Children ages 06-12 years of age	10
Youth ages 13-18	10
Young Adults (18-24)	25
Adults	40
Senior Citizens	5

Q22 Approximate percentage of clients served with disabilities from grant funds.

Physically Disabled	5
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Q23 Approximate percentage of clients served in each economic group.

Respondent skipped this question

Q24 Approximate percentage of clients served from grant funds in each population category.

Respondent skipped this question