

Questions & Answers to Hinesburg RFP

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Here you go. Be sure to post on website and/or share with other people who have inquired about the RFP. Thanks, Dan

1. Did the first phase of the project end at 30% design and the EFA submitted to the stormwater program?

ANSWER: The 30% design was created as part of the original July 2021 Public Private Partnership (PPP) study available here: <https://dec.vermont.gov/sites/dec/files/documents/Public-Private%20Partnership%20for%20Stormwater%20Management%20WCA.pdf>. A quick update to the 30 percent will need to be prepared. For example, there will need to be some reverification of catch basin points. The preliminary EFA was not submitted to DEC as part of the Initial NOI packet.

2. Please identify the schedule. The grant application materials attached provide deliverable dates that have already passed. The only date provided in the RFP is an August 2023 due date for submission of the 3-acre operational stormwater permit. This is a very tight timeframe to go from 30% design to 100% design and permit submission – is there flexibility in the August 2023 due date?

ANSWER:

The following deliverables have been completed. 1) Landowner Commitment and 2) Determination of Operations & Maintenance (O&M) responsible party. DEC recognizes that due to a delay in getting this grant up and running and that therefore some of the deadlines in the grant are a moot point. Yes, it is a tight schedule to complete the deliverables related to design and permitting. DEC also recognizes that it is tight schedule as well. As noted in the RFP, DEC responded as follows to the Initial NOI submission as follows:

3-9050 eNOI: Revise this submission when you're ready to file the full 3-Acre NOI. In the meantime, permit 3690-9050 will receive title 3 coverage which will administratively continue the permit past it's expiration date, until you're ready to submit the full 3-acre NOI.

Please provide the outstanding information identified above by 8/31/2023. Failure to submit the requested information may result in a denial of your application. Should your permit application be denied, and you wish to still go through with your project, you will be required to submit a new application package, including any associated application fees. Alternatively, you may withdraw your application.

We also hope that DEC recognizes the complexity of the project and that as long as the Town and permittee are making a good faith effort to get the design and permitting work completed and is keeping them regularly apprised with progress and delivery of draft submission for feedback, that DEC will allow some leeway. That being said, however, the Town wishes to move with all possible speed to meet this 8/30/23 deadline.

3. The 30% plans say the cost estimate is \$625,000 to implement. The grant application materials appear to cover just under \$450,000. Can the previous cost estimate be shared? The cost estimate is likely based on the 30% design. What if the cost of the project due to changes in the market and items identified during final design and permitting goes up?

ANSWER: The previous cost estimate can be found in the Appendices to the original PPP study. The P3 report and all appendices can be viewed and downloaded at this [Box Drive Link](#). If the estimated construction cost of the project goes up, then funding will need to be obtained from other sources such as the property owner or other grant sources.

4. Are all of the rest of the permits part of the project covered under this proposal? From previous correspondence it looks like wetland permitting, river corridor and floodplain permitting at state and local levels, and Act250 will need to be obtained.

ANSWER: Yes

5. The first phase incorrectly identified that the upper watershed runoff was to be diverted away from the proposed intake structure with the project being completed at the United Church of Hinesburg. Although treatment will occur at the church location, the high flow overflow will still travel through existing swales to the proposed intake structure location. Additional work on the swale network may need to be completed to keep these flows separate.

ANSWER: Correct - Map 1 of 3 has been updated to reflect this information in the attached EFA document.

6. Are there other deliverables that were created under the first phase of work that can be shared?

ANSWER: As long as you are able to access the attachments noted in the RFP, you will have the deliverables associated with the grant in question. The P3 report and all appendices can be viewed and downloaded at this [Box Drive Link](#).

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