

Questions Answered During 1/5/22 Info Session for 2022-2201-WPD and Received via Email
"Restoring the District's Natural Areas" RFA

Q1: Who/which entity currently maintains the targeted areas?

A1: It is the responsibility of the applicant to determine the correct managing agency of the proposed targeted area. Managing agencies may be the District Dept. of Parks and Recreation, District Dept. of Transportation, a branch of the National Park Service, or others.

Q2: Is there background information on how well the suggested creative approaches (nature walks, etc...) have worked in the target communities? How will you evaluate creative vs practical?

A2: DOEE anticipates evaluating success and value of creative community engagement as part of this grant. Plans that include events and opportunities beyond volunteer clean ups or maintenance events will receive more points when being scored.

Q3: Was a minimum size specified for the area to be restored? The scoring doesn't seem to motivate execution efficiency - targeting a large area and removing a significant amount of trash and keeping the area clean over the long run.

A3: No minimum or maximum size of the targeted natural area is specified in the RFA. The scoring criteria awards points based on achievability of the proposed plan for trash removal, invasive species removal, and staffing. Proposals for areas determined to be too large and/or small to be feasible or reasonable will have points deducted during scoring.

Q4: What if you are already approved to operate on DPR property?

A4: You must provide a letter of support from DPR that shows you have approval to complete the work specified in the proposal for the period of the grant.

Q5: Who is in charge of Watts Branch watershed? Marvin Gaye Park?

Q5: Several parks may be found within Watts Branch watershed. You must identify the specific landowner for the targeted natural area. Marvin Gaye Park is managed by the District Dept. of Parks and Recreation.

Q6: We are considering a project that will be spread across 4 sites. Due to each site's unique restoration needs, the work in each will be a bit different for each. Is this 1 proposal with 4 segments or would DOEE prefer we submit each location as a separate proposal? Please note: the total cost for the 4 sites is less than the \$50,000 per grant maximum.

Q6: One proposal can include more than 1 targeted natural area, provided all targeted natural areas are clearly identified and plans for each area are specified in the project description.