

**Questions and Answers for Request for Applications #RFA-FY24-RRD-835**  
River Terrace Wetland Enhancement

**Q1:** Is controlled burning an allowable option for clearing this site?

**A1:** It is allowable, however the extensive yet necessary cooperation with the District of Columbia Fire Department (DCFD) and National Park Service (NPS) may make it infeasible.

**Q2:** Does the total award include the implementation of invasive clearing as well as developing plans?

**A2:** Yes, the \$299,540 covers all project costs, including planning and implementation.

**Q3:** What level of coordination is expected with NPS?

**A3:** The project will require the standard permitting to do work on NPS land, but no NEPA permitting will be required if ground-disturbing activities are not included. DOEE is already partnered with NPS for the project, so NPS will be part of the project meetings and planning.

**Q4:** Can you clarify Section 1.4 of the RFA regarding proposing multiple projects?

**A4:** Applicants can submit multiple applications with different approaches. These will be reviewed as separate projects. The award will go to just one project application.

**Q5:** Is there a warranty or maintenance period?

**A5:** No, due to the nature of the funding source.

**Q6:** Since this is funded with federal funds, does Davis Bacon apply?

**A6:** Yes.

**Q7:** Are there other groups besides NPS and DOEE (e.g., community groups, non-profits) that need to be engaged for this project?

**A7:** While engagement with other groups is welcome, it is up to the applicant to propose in their community engagement plan who will be engaged.

**Q8:** When will the award be announced?

**A8:** DOEE anticipates announcing the award six to eight weeks after the application deadline.

**Q9:** The funding period is for three years. Is there flexibility in when the work will be done? For example: completing almost all the work in year one, followed by two years of maintenance versus dividing up the work evenly over three years.

**A9:** Yes. It is up to the applicant to propose how the work will be done within that window.

**Q10:** There is a 40% cover estimate for phragmites. Is there a percentage estimate for reed canary grass or narrow-leaf cattail?

**A10:** In summer 2023, narrow-leaf cattail was estimated at about 35% and reed canary grass was estimated at 6%.

**Q11:** Do you want the goose fencing taken out?

**A11:** We're leaving it up to the applicant to propose how the work will be done. We are looking for ecological uplift, especially for Species of Greatest Conservation Need, so the grantee should propose the best way to accomplish this.

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