

Lathrop Park RFP Questions and Answers

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Can you please confirm whether this project will be subject to prevailing wage labor rates?

It is my understanding (but I'm not a lawyer) that prevailing wage would not be required. We are a 501c3 not-for-profit and the GLRI grant does not stipulate prevailing wage, unless it is set by some other internal policies or agreement (such as for a government entity) that the lead agency would be obligated to follow.

March 16, 2023

Partners for Clean Streams, Inc has received and responded to the following written questions regarding the Lathrop Park Tenmile Creek Stream Restoration Project.

- We have one initial question regarding the due date. The RFP says March 26, which is a Sunday. Will you please clarify if this is correct?
 - *Yes. It is. Feel free to turn it in Friday if that works better for you. Since I prefer electronic submittals but wasn't going to read them over the weekend, I decided to give interested parties extra time to prepare (if they want).*
- We work with a design team on projects like this and our question is does Mannik Smith Group have the contract for all of the design plans for the project?
Or will Mannik Smith Group be submitting a Proposal for this project?
 - *No, Mannik Smith Group does not have the contract for the design plans for this project. Mannik Smith Group did initial concept drawings for a variety of conceptual projects in the Area of Concern but would have to bid on this project for any engineering and design services under the current RFP. I do not know if Mannik Smith Group will be submitting a proposal.*
- Has permission been obtained from landowner to the north to install bioengineering features on the north side of creek?
 - *No, permission has not been obtained.*
- Assuming the intent is to keep as much of the wooded buffer as possible, and work with smaller equipment in-stream?
 - *The selected contractor will determine the equipment necessary. The wooded buffer has not been evaluated for quality or invasive removal.*
- Similar to above, we assume that invasive species initial controls should start as soon as permits can be obtained (early winter 2023-24), to cut-stump invasive shrubs in the floodplain, as well as clear ingress/egress unstable trees.

- *The project will be awarded by May. The detailed timeline should be determined with QAPP, permit application, and property access timelines all in mind.*
- We assume that streambank grading-excavated material can be placed in the unused turf buffers near where the concept suggests "forested buffer" establishment, correct?
 - *Placing of any cut, fill or excavated material will be determined according to the applicable permit conditions and with the final concepts in mind.*
- The RFP mentions 1-2 years of post construction invasive species control - is there a strong preference for 2 years of treatment?
 - *Invasive control measures should be determined based on the need and timing for effective control techniques of the particular invasive species but should include a post-construction period that also allows successful establishment of any project-related habitat.*
- Can you share any anticipated scoring/rating system you use to evaluate proposals, such that we can give you a more tailored description of our approach?
 - *In general, proposals will be scored for experience with stream projects (for key project team members and each company if multiple companies), understanding of necessary permits and timelines, understanding of restoration goals and project specific conditions, and cost and quality.*
- Has any coordination been done with the landowner to the north?
 - *Very limited communication has recently started but no formal agreements are in place.*
- Has any tribal coordination been begun or completed for this project?
 - *No. Ohio EPA will be working with US EPA on formal communication with the tribes but the selected contractor will be supporting that with OH State Historic Preservation Office consultation and any other research or supporting documentation.*
- Are there any identified upland locations appropriate for spoil on the site?
 - *None have been pre-selected.*