

**Request for Proposals (RFP) to
Develop or Update Watershed Restoration and Protection Plans
within the New Jersey Highlands Region**

Response to Questions #5
March 2, 2023

In response to requests, the proposal submission deadline has been extended
to April 17, 2023.

1. Is there someone at Highlands that I can speak to in order to determine the best course of action for my clients? I am working with multiple municipalities that are interested in creating watershed restoration and protection plans and would like to advise them properly as to whether to pursue the grant opportunity presented in this RFP or to apply for the Council's plan conformance grant funding.
 - If the plan is solely based in a conforming municipality, then the municipality can apply for Plan Conformance Grant funding at any time. You would need to contact the <https://www.nj.gov/njhighlands/planconformance/liaisons/>. To determine if a municipality is conforming [you may find a list here](#). If the watersheds span multiple municipalities, then you should submit a proposal under the RFP. Please be aware that there is the potential you could conflict your firm out of eligibility for the RFP should you have substantive discussions regarding the proposals with those Highlands staff liaisons.

In addition, please note that the RFP is for new or updated Watershed Restoration and Protection Plans conducted using the EPA's 9-element guidance, it is not intended to address recent new NJDEP MS4 permitting requirements for Watershed Improvement Plans. Other plan conformance grants may be available for those MS4 requirements.