

RFP for the RiverCOG Regional Plan of Conservation and Development Questions and Answers

1. What is the budget for this project?

RiverCOG intends to fund this project from a portion of a FY2020 Regional Services Grant from the state of Connecticut. Following state procurement guidelines, we do not release the projected budget for projects with RFP solicitations. The FY2020 Regional Services Grant must be spent out by June 30, 2020. RiverCOG would prefer a sooner completion date.

2. When will this project start?

The project would start as soon as an agreement is executed with the selected consultant firm. I expect this should be no earlier than the end of September 2019.

3. By what date would RiverCOG like to have all public involvement events completed?

We expect that there will need to be two rounds of public events. The first will be after the draft recommendations are completed and we look to get feedback from the public on them. The second round will be upon completion of the final draft and presentations to the Regional Planning Committee, RiverCOG, and 17 municipalities.

4. By what date would RiverCOG like to have the public comment process completed?

Connecticut General Statutes requires at least a 65 day public comment period before the RiverCOG board vote to adopt the new Regional Plan of Conservation and Development (CGS Section 8-23(h)(4)). The RiverCOG board meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month. The relevant statute can be found here: <https://www.cga.ct.gov/2015/ACT/PA/2015PA-00095-R00SB-01045-PA.htm>

5. By what date would RiverCOG like to have the Regional Plan of Conservation and Development completed?

Ideally the project should be completed before the expiration of our FY2020 Regional Services Grant on June 30, 2020. However a sooner completion and adoption date is preferable.

6. What is the name of the consulting firm that prepared the prior RiverCog Regional Plan of Conservation and Development?

RiverCOG staff have been working on the Regional Plan of Conservation and Development up to this point in-house.