

Ecosystem Based Management
New York Great Lakes Road Stream Crossing Assessment Project

RFP Questions and Answers

Q: Are Microsoft Surface Pro tablets, used for NAACC assessments by NYSDEC, considered field data collection equipment?
A: Yes, tablets that are used to gather and transmit data collected during NAACC assessments are considered field data collection equipment and are considered an eligible expense.
Q: Part 2, Question 6: while my Technician and I are both NAACC trained, we would likely hire an Intern and get them trained to do these assessments...can we change Lead Observers if the funding is awarded.
A: It is required that all assessments be completed by an NAACC trained Lead Observer. Project participants that achieve Lead Observer status during the time frame of the contract may conduct assessments.
Q: Our County has portions of several HUC12 watersheds within the GL basin and they are all quite small. Could we propose to survey more than one HUC12? Or all crossings in the County that fall within the GL Basin?
A: Surveying multiple HUC12 watersheds is acceptable, as is surveying all crossings within the Great Lakes Basin.
Q: Can assessments be done on logging roads, or do they need to be publically owned?
A: Privately owned roads, such as logging roads, may be assessed with permission from the landowner.
Q: Can a District submit two separate applications?
A: The RFP does not limit the number of applications a District may submit. It does limit the maximum award to \$10,000 per county and per HUC12 Watershed. Districts are also encouraged to review the scoring criteria on page 16 of the RFP before starting an application.
Q: If the District does not currently have a certified Lead Observer on staff, are they still eligible to apply?
A: Yes, the District may still apply and list "pending" after the Lead Observer name. If the project is funded, a Letter of Agreement will not be issued until the Lead Observer certification is obtained.
Q: Our County does not have 150 culverts in the Great Lakes Watershed. Will this make us ineligible for the grant?
A: The proposal will still be eligible, but may not score as high as a project proposing 150 or more crossings.

Q: The Grant Application Form does not allow for submitting multiple HUC 12's. Are we able to edit the form in Word and add lines and check box answers for multiple HUC 12's. Otherwise, I have heard that some other districts plan to submit multiple Application Forms. If multiple forms are submitted will both applications be reviewed jointly to meet the 150 crossings minimum?

A: You may modify the form if needed. Each application will be reviewed separately. If you want to submit for multiple watersheds to meet the 150 recommended assessments, they need to be on one application.

Q: Can the follow up outreach on findings of the Watershed Assessment be covered under eligible costs for time? (i.e. follow up with all three of the municipalities (supervisors and town/village councils), highway departments and in a presentation open forum) Can a plan of action from the response from the municipalities, findings and the Water Quality Coordinating Committee be covered under eligible costs for time? (i.e. a final report prioritization plan similar to the Great Lakes Action Agenda?

A: Yes. Outreach on the findings and development of an action plan are both eligible expenses as long as all the stream crossing in the HUC 12 watershed have been assessed and entered into the NAACC database and all work is complete within 2 years.