



**SOUTHERN WINDSOR COUNTY
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

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WEST WINDSOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT DAM REMOVAL
Response to Questions

Q1. What will happen with the concrete blocks that currently comprise the dam once they are removed?

A1. The Town Department of Public Works has stated that they will accept delivery of the concrete blocks in the designated location of the Ascutney Mountain Resort just up the road on Route 44. The contractor will be responsible for hauling the blocks off site. The selected contractor will include loading and transporting the blocks in bids.

Q2. If there is excess dredged gravel material from Mill Brook, where will it go and who will the financial burden of removal fall on?

A2. Based upon our plans and calculations we do not anticipate a significant amount of excess fill, if any. However, it would be wise to have a contingency plan for 1-2 loads of material to remove off site. The Town is willing to accept the material; however, the contractor will be responsible for trucking the material down the road to the DPW maintenance garage.

Q3. If the contractor is able to develop alternative construction plans, is that acceptable in terms of the construction sequence?

A3. The selected contractor's alternative construction plan for sequencing of the work will be welcomed and reviewed in the preconstruction meeting with regard to the means and methods of bypass of water and control of sediment to adequately minimize the release of sediments. The State of Vermont recognizes that all in-stream wet work authorized by Stream Alteration Permits will result in some level of release of turbid waters, and will work with the selected contractor to effectively minimize the release of turbid waters during the progress of the work for the best reasonable outcome, so as not to delay the schedule of the project work for a timely completion.

Q4. How will the contractor be expected to access the channel upstream of the pedestrian bridge to place native boulder fill?

A4. The random placement of the native boulders may be achieved from an excavator within the stream channel accessed from downstream of the opposite side of Mill Brook from the Fire Station. Alternately, the random placement of the native boulders may be achieved from an excavator on land beside the stream bank behind the Fire Station.

Q5. Are there any suggested sources for the selected contractor's purchase of rock rip-rap for use in constructing the instream stone weirs?

A5. Markowski Excavating of Florence, VT owns a rock quarry on Route 100 in Plymouth and is now contracted by Imerys for 2017-2018 quarry work at the Imerys-owned quarry on East Hill Road off of Route 103 in Ludlow. Both quarries are expected to provide hard, durable shot rock rip-rap and neither source site/company is promoted over the other, or promoted over any other quarried rock source site locations owned by others in this Request for Bid Proposals. The Imerys quarry in Ludlow produces talc for the cosmetics industry, and the competent bedrock overburden is a waste product of the talc mining process to blast down access to the lower strata of talc-bearing rock. If a bidder desires to contact Markowski Excavating, the contact is Gregg Markowski at 802-483-6469 and the contact for Imerys is Robin Reilly at 802-228-6494.

Q6. What is the anticipated duration of the project implementation from mobilization through completion to demobilization?

A6. The anticipated project duration is a week to two weeks from mobilization through completion to demobilization? Alternative project work schedules will be considered as related to cost.