

- *Section 4.3.1 says to submit 5 originals and one thumb drive of the proposal, and section 6.0 says to submit 10 copies and one thumb drive of the proposal. Which one is correct?*
  - Please follow the directions in Section 4.3.1 and submit 5 originals and one thumb drive of the proposal.
- *The pedestrian bridge mentioned in the RFP...that is for a stream crossing, correct? The conceptual plan/report prepared by Gosling Czubak mentions a pedestrian bridge or tunnel at Hammond Rd, but states that an at-grade crossing was used in the preliminary cost estimate. Is the design scope only to include a bridge stream crossing, and are we to assume that all road crossings will be at-grade crossings?*
  - These assumptions are correct—a bridge stream crossing, and all at-grade crossings. Design of the Hammond Road at-grade crossing will require coordination with the Grand Traverse Road Commission. Would it be worth calling out the importance of Hammond / highlighting the potential complexity here?
- *Wetland mitigation – if wetland mitigation is required, has a mitigation site been identified or discussed and, if so, does the Township plan on mitigating onsite, or off site at another location? Is there a possibility of purchasing credits from a wetland mitigation bank?*
  - Boardwalk within wetland areas is anticipated and, as a result, no wetland mitigation has been discussed or planned to date.
- *Trail funding – the RFP states that funding will consist of public and private sources but has yet to be secured. Do you have any indication of what funding sources you plan on using? Specifically, do you anticipate federal and/or MDOT funding that would require SHPO Section 106 review and environmental clearances?*
  - Federal funding will be used to support design engineering, and we anticipate federal or MDOT funding for at least some portion of trail construction.
- *Similar to #4 above, do you anticipate this project being a local bid letting, or bid through the MDOT Local Agency Program (will likely depend on funding sources)? If the project is locally let, will the consultant be responsible for developing the front end contract/bidding documents (in addition to the technical specifications), or does the Township have their own already established?*
  - Depending on if there is construction phasing, we anticipate there could be both. MDOT LAP for the section connecting up to the schools. For local letting, yes, the consultant would be responsible for bidding documents (see Scope of Services, F).
- *Beyond “support material for potential grant applications,” are we to include any grant application assistance?*
  - This assistance is not requested at this time, however, if a consultant has this capacity, we’d encourage them to highlight these services. If desired at a later date, we could pursue an amendment or new contract.
- *Easements – boundary surveys and legal descriptions of the easements are included in the scope, but will the consultant also be responsible for market studies, appraisals, and negotiating with property owners? These may not all be required, but if the project is let through MDOT they likely will be.*

- The consultant will not be responsible for market studies, appraisals, and negotiating with property owners. However, supporting information such as providing easement exhibits and easements dimensions and areas will be necessary.
- *If the project owner can cut trees (or have trees cut before they get there) in order to get the ATV drill rig access to the boring locations along the proposed route?*
  - Facilitating access to boring locations will be the responsibility of the consultant.
- *The RFP states we need to provide wetland delineation for the project area except the on the GTRLC and Alta Vista properties. Will we need to complete field survey to locate the delineated areas on the GTRLC and Alta Vista property as part of our scope or can these properties provide survey points for the delineated areas?*
  - An existing wetland report for the Conservancy's property will help inform the extent and location of wetlands on the Property, but a wetland delineation of the selected trail corridor will still need to be completed for this project.