



**STATE OF MAINE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP SUBMITTED QUESTIONS & ANSWERS SUMMARY**

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Unless specifically addressed below, all other provisions and clauses of the RFP remain unchanged.	

Question #	Question	Answer
1	The St. George River is subject to a pattern of increasing clamflat downgrades that is hitting our diggers hard. We want to do something about it, as has been happening on the neighboring Medomak River estuary, and we'd like to submit a proposal in response to this RFP, but we do not see the St. George estuary listed in the RFP appendix of watershed plans. Maine DEP did modeling of the estuary in 1998-99 as part of the due diligence to increase the town of Warren's licensed treated wastewater discharge into the upper estuary so that the Maine State Prison could move to Warren. For this and other reasons, it's hard for us to believe there is not a watershed plan for the St. George on file. Is there a way to check this?	<p>A watershed-based management plan (also referred to as a nine-element plan) is a prerequisite for eligible groups to apply for 319 grant funds. Although it sounds like some water quality studies have been conducted in the past, the Georges River does not yet have this required nine-element plan.</p> <p>Maine DEP typically releases a separate RFP (Grants for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Projects Watershed-based Plan Development) each year in March to help partners develop plans.</p>

2	Would this (RFP) be suitable for a road crossing in the Town of Ludlow where the culvert is failing?	<p>As noted in Part II of the RFP, projects must be designed to help make progress implementing NPS management measures (actions) that are described in a WBP (watershed-based plan) accepted by the Department. Projects should also “encourage, require or achieve structural or non-structural best management practices (BMPs) implementation on a <i>watershed scale</i> to abate existing nonpoint sources.”</p> <p>The Town of Ludlow is located in the Meduxnekeag River watershed, and the Southern Aroostook County Soil and Water Conservation District is the primary contact for the Meduxnekeag River’s watershed-based plan. If the culvert in question is included in the plan, it could potentially be eligible to receive cost-share funding under this RFP if it is part of a watershed-scale effort to install BMPs. However, a single culvert project is typically not eligible for funding under this RFP.</p>
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