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**Housatonic River Natural Resource Damages Fund**  
**Second Subround of Round 3 Restoration Project Proposals**  
**for**  
**Land Acquisition to Conserve Habitat**

**Response to Questions**  
**Doc. No. BWSC-NRD-2015-03**

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**Q. How many applicants were there for the First Subround of Round 3, and how many made it to phase 2 review? Are the successful applications from the initial round available for review in terms of content and format?**

A. Four proposals were received for the First Subround of Round 3 and three of these proposals passed the Threshold Criteria and were evaluated and then selected to advance to Phase 2. All three proposed projects were ultimately funded.

Regarding the availability of these proposals, as stated in the ATTACHMENT C Supplemental Terms and Conditions in the Grant Announcement and Application for BWSC-NRD-2014-02 posted on March 24, 2014:

**Section 6. Public Records:** *All responses and information submitted in response to this Grant Announcement are subject to the Massachusetts Public Records Law, M.G.L., c. 66, s. 10, and to c. 4, s. 7, ss. 26. Any statements in submitted responses that are inconsistent with these statutes shall be disregarded.*

Note that there is an exception to this provision:

**Section 3d: Payment through the Commonwealth's Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT):** *Because the Authorization for EFT Form contains banking information, this form, and all information*

*contained on this form, shall not be considered a public record and shall not be subject to public disclosure through a public records request.*

Consistent with Rounds 1 and 2, all proposals have been posted on the MA SubCouncil of the Housatonic River Trustee Council website (<http://www.ma-housatonicrestoration.org/library.htm>). The proposals that passed the Threshold Criteria and were evaluated and then selected to advance from Phase 1 to Phase 2 of the application process in Round 3 and were ultimately awarded funding to acquire the proposed parcels based on the results of the due diligence analysis have been posted on both the MA SubCouncil website as well as the MassDEP NRD Program website (<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/cleanup/nrd/nrd-restoration-funding-opportunities.html>). and include:

- Proposal No. 302 - Green River – Rawlings (Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game)
- Proposal No. 303 - Hinsdale Flats – Duquette (Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game)
- Proposal No. 304 - Thomas and Palmer Brook Conservation Project (Berkshire Natural Resources Council)

**Q. Will the power point presentation for the Applicant’s Conference be available through an e-mail distribution or via the DEP NRD website?**

A. The power point presentation for the Applicant’s Conference is available on the MA SubCouncil of the Housatonic River Trustee Council’s website (go to <http://www.ma-housatonicrestoration.org/library.htm> and scroll down to “Meeting Minutes and Presentations”) as well as the MassDEP NRD Program website (<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/cleanup/nrd/nrd-restoration-funding-opportunities.html>). Links to these presentations will be distributed to the Housatonic Citizens Coordinating Committee distribution list, which includes grantees and attendees at MA SubCouncil restoration meetings.

**Q. Describe circumstances for partial funding.**

A. In the past, the MA SubCouncil has awarded partial funding for restoration projects. For land acquisition projects to conserve habitat, in a hypothetical case where a proposal involves more than one parcel, and one of the parcels appears to provide significantly more value with regard to the goals of the Final Round 3 Restoration Plan and Supplemental Environmental Assessment (Final Round 3 RP/SEA) and Evaluation Criteria presented in that document, it is conceivable that the MA SubCouncil could decide to fund only acquisition of that parcel. Please note that if a proposal includes project components that do not fall within the requirements for Round 3 funding (e.g., maintenance activities) those components would not be funded with NRD funds and if a proposal that contains those components is otherwise determined to receive funding, those components would not be funded through the grant contract.