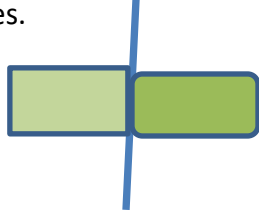


**FY20 Landscape Partnership Grant Program
Information Session – Questions and Answers**

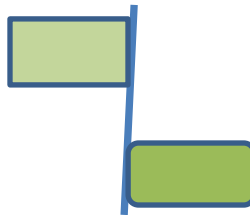
1. **Question:** If a river separates two contiguous parcels, are they still considered to be contiguous?

Answer: Yes.



2. **Question:** If a river connects two parcels that are not contiguous, are they considered to be contiguous?

Answer: No.



3. **Question:** May an applicant close on a property prior to having a signed grant contract?

Answer: Yes. Per the BID document, land owned by a 501(c)(3) non-profit environmental or conservation organization is ineligible for funding, unless it was purchased no earlier than the application deadline date for the FY 20 Landscape Partnership Grant Program BID document with the sole intention of pre-purchasing the land until the applicant receives a potential Landscape Partnership grant award. Any exercise of this exemption is at the risk of the non-profit organization. EEA does not guarantee awarding a grant to any grant applicant that pre-acquires land.

4. **Question:** Can a trail easement serve as a connector parcel?

Answer: Yes, as long as one of the grant applicants has a permanent easement in the property.

5. **Question:** May eminent domain be used in the grant program?

Answer: Yes.

6. **Question:** Can Conservation Restrictions be used towards the 500-acre minimum?

Answer: Yes. Land may be held in fee or in CR by the applicants at the end of the project.

7. **Question:** What does “significant” partnership mean in the terms of the grant program?

Answer: According to the grant BID document, “significant” involves financial contributions, retention of property interests, and/or long-term stewardship commitments of all partners.