

**Landscape Partnership Grant  
Information Session Q & A  
(March 2, 2022)**

**If parcels proposed for acquisition with a project are bifurcated by a road, what evidence would you like submitted to document vehicular road usage? Is data collected as part of wildlife tracking and road passage useful evidence? What is the best way to provide this data?**

*The Mass DOT roads GIS data layer maintains average Annual Daily Traffic (ADT) that can be referenced as evidence for whether the road is a barrier to habitat connectivity. If a project is proposed where that information is not available, alternate evidence can be used to support the fact the road is not a significant impediment to wildlife travel or other conservation values on adjacent parcels. Please submit data you feel is relevant to assessing whether the road is a barrier to habitat connectivity. A print-out (e.g. map) is preferred. If the data is embedded in a living document or a map application, a link is acceptable. The site visit will provide an opportunity for DCS staff to further evaluate the road barrier.*

**Where can the MassDOT data pertaining to Average Annual Daily Traffic be found?**

*MassDOT roads ArcGIS layer files are available for download here: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massgis-data-massachusetts-department-of-transportation-massdot-roads>*

**Will this grant program be available in future years?**

*The Landscape Partnership grant program has been funded on an annual basis for approximately ten years. However, EEA does not offer guarantees that a particular grant program will be funded beyond the current grant cycle.*

**Are there examples of past projects that have included forest inventory or carbon credit sale preparation work under the grant?**

*Forest inventory and carbon credit sale preparation costs were introduced as an eligible re-imbursement in the FY17 grant round to provide support to projects that present an opportunity to pursue carbon credit sales. Unfortunately, no applicants have elected to pursue this as project component to date, likely due to the complexities of carbon market verification.*

**If a multi-year grant is awarded, can it accommodate a potential change in closing dates for individual project transactions? What do we need to provide if a change in the project timeline comes up?**

*You may change the sequence of transactions to either extend or expedite the purchase of property interests on individual parcels, however, the funding allocation under a grant contract is fixed for each Fiscal Year. If a two-year contract is awarded with \$200,000 allocated in FY23 and \$100,000 in FY24, the reimbursement request in FY23 cannot exceed \$200,000 and the reimbursement request in FY24 may not exceed \$100,000. Please notify the grant manager of any changes to the project schedule.*

**Do matching funds need to be “in-hand” by the application deadline?**

*No. However, applicants should be prepared to provide evidence that funding is reasonably well-secured prior to a grant contract.*

**What is the deadline to submit additional questions?**

*There is not a deadline to submit questions.*