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## Housatonic River Natural Resource Damages Fund

### Round 4 Restoration Project Proposals for Restoration and/or Land Acquisition and Land Protection

#### Response to Questions Doc. No. BWSC-NRD-2018-12

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**Q.** In reviewing the grant announcement, I noted this language in Section 6.A.5 (p.17):

*Land Acquisition projects that are selected for final funding may be eligible to receive funding even if the closing date of the Land Acquisition project occurs prior to the release of the Final RP. However, to remain eligible for funding under this scenario, the closing date of a Land Acquisition project must occur no earlier than the date of the formal issuance of this GAA (August 1, 2018).*

I read this to mean that we could pre-acquire and then seek reimbursement, provided we comply with all the due diligence requirements. Can you confirm?

**A.** First, to clarify, the date of the formal issuance of the GAA is August 6, 2018 (the date the GAA was posted on COMMBUYS).

Only those projects that are selected and identified in the Final Restoration Plan/Supplemental Environmental Assessment (RP/SEA) will be eligible for final funding.

If land acquisition as part of a Land Acquisition project occurs after the date of the formal issuance of the GAA and before the date of the Final RP (estimated July/August 2019), the Land Acquisition may be eligible to receive final funding. To receive final funding, the proposed project must be selected by the MA SubCouncil as one of the preferred restoration/land acquisition projects in the Final RP and meet all necessary due diligence requirements.