

## **Ronald Spotts Riparian Buffer Project**

### **Questions and Answers**

**Summary:** On July 29th, 2025, Chesapeake Conservancy and Chesapeake Bay Foundation hosted an optional pre-bid site showing for tree planting contractors at 1101 Sawmill Road, Beavertown, PA 17813. This site showing is related to Chesapeake Conservancy's open Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Spotts Riparian Buffer Project. This document addresses the questions and concerns discussed during the site showing.

**The RFP has been amended to reflect changes and clarifications. Please see the amended RFP dated July 30, 2025 on Chesapeake Conservancy's website at <https://www.chesapeakeconservancy.org/about-us/work-with-us/request-for-proposals>. The amended RFP will be posted by 4:00PM EDT on July 30, 2025.**

**Bidders should read the entire Questions and Answers document and the amended RFP in its entirety when preparing their proposal. Amendments to the RFP are notated in red, bold, italicized font.**

**Question #1: Is control of reed canary grass to be included as part of the RFP and resulting contract?**

**Answer:** Yes, the original RFP has been amended to include one herbicide application to the reed canary grass. Contractors should include this cost in their proposal. The application should occur in early-mid September 2025. There are approximate 0.5 – 0.75 acres of reed canary grass to treat. Care should be taken to minimize the damage to native vegetation during the application.

**Question #2: Can the trees and shrubs be planted in more dense "clumps" in the areas of heavy reed canary grass while leaving the areas of heavy Ironweed unplanted?**

**Answer:** Yes, this is acceptable and will help to maintain the existing native herbaceous vegetation present in the wet meadow.

**Question #3: What should the contractors do with the woody invasive debris and/or standing dead stems?**

**Answer:** It is permissible to allow the dead stems to stand so that they rot and decompose over time. This will reduce damage to the existing native vegetation. Chipping and mulching is also an acceptable method, however it may not be possible to get mulching equipment into the site due to wet conditions. In addition, care must be taken to minimize damage to existing native vegetation.

**Question #4: Is any work to be performed west of the stream as part of this RFP?**

**Answer:** No, the stream serves as the project boundary on the western side of the project.  
See the plan map in the RFP.