

WPWA
Executive Director Report
03/21/2013

This report is brief in recognition of the Board's desire to focus primarily on Strategic Planning this month.

Project Updates

Shannock

Cost summary by project, current through 2/2013

Lower Shannock (completed)

Engineering	\$278,305.64
Construction	\$593,780.42
Misc	\$14,266.87
TOTAL	\$886,352.93

Horseshoe (completed)

Engineering	\$496,113.09
Construction	\$1,163,673.95
Misc	\$1,626.67
TOTAL	\$1,661,413.71

Kenyon (completed & estimated)

Engineering	\$344,785.18
Construction	\$936,599.00
Misc	\$7,500.00
TOTAL	\$1,288,884.18

Feasibility Study	\$119,053.80
FEMA (Estimated)	\$50,000.00
WPWA Oversight (Estimated)	\$95,000.00
Audits and Accounting	\$57,000.00

OVERALL PROJECT TOTAL	4,157,704.62
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Lower Shannock Falls Project

WPWA has finally submitted for \$20K in reimbursements from the USFWS for expenses incurred in October 2012 related to the weir repairs. The delay was due to glitches on both parties ends related to setting WPWA up in the Treasury Dept.'s new ASAP payment system. WPWA's payment request is expected to be electronically transferred to our back account this week. Most federal agencies are now shifting to the ASAP payment system, which very efficient once NGO's overcome the arduous set up process. Without our Capital Revolving Fund, this outstanding reimbursement would have been crippling to WPWA's budget.

Horseshoe Falls Project

Final payment to the contractor was made on 1/10/13. The long term easement between the State and the Landowner has been fully executed and WPWA recorded the document with the Town of Charlestown on behalf of the two parties in late February. Execution of this easement dissolves the short term easement that WPWA has held with the landowners for construction access, thus releasing our liability over the site. Operational Manual is nearing completion by the project partners and remains the only outstanding work item on this project.

Kenyon Mill Dam Project

Contractor bid prices were received on 1/4/13. Base bids from the 6 contractors ranged from \$617,600 – \$1.56mil. The contractor for our previous projects, MAS Building & Bridge, ranked 3rd at \$814,500. Lowest bidder (Sumco Eco Contracting) was interviewed on 1/18/13. Negotiations with Sumco were time consuming but are now complete. Their bid price has been adjusted up to account for partner requested upgrades to their water control plan. With these adjustments, Sumco remains the lowest bidder. A bid tabulation is available by visiting http://www.wpwa.org/documents/KenyonMillDamBidTabulation_2013.pdf. WPWA has received a letter of recommendation from Fuss & O'Neill to award to Sumco. Partners agree. WPWA subsequently issued a notice of intent to award to Sumco and regret letters to the 5 other bidders.

NEXT STEPS: Construction expected to begin June 12th 2013

Contractually secure additional funding (see table below)
Complete negotiations with Fire Dept.'s
Contract with Sumco
Obtain final FEMA approval
Complete SHPO negotiations and tasks
Finalize permits
Finalize access easements
Coordinate with Save the Bay on closing ceremony (April 2014)

Total ARRA Project Award	\$2,876,620.00
Total Expended	\$2,220,104.77
Total ARRA Award Remaining	\$656,515.23
Total Cost to Completion	\$1,194,949.00
Anticipated Shortfall	\$538,433.77

ADDITIONAL FUNDING ANTICIPATED

Total STB RAE (Pending)	\$311,500.00	(\$281,500+\$30,000)
Total TNC (Pending)	\$176,933.77	(* \$469,860 Original Obligated Amount)
Total RICRMC CEHRTF (Secured)	\$50,000.00	
Anticipated Surplus/Shortfall	0.00	

*Surplus TNC funds will remain unobligated through construction as a source of contingency funds.

White Rock Dam WPWA assisted RIDEM in submitting a \$2M proposal to NOAA to conduct a fish passage feasibility study at all 3 remaining obstructions on the lower Pawcatuck (White Rock Dam, Potter Hill Dam, Bradford Dam) and fish passage construction at White Rock & Potter Hill *. WPWA was cited to provide \$15K of non-contractual in-kind services in the proposal's budget. WPWA will negotiate to instead be paid for our involvement in the project if the funds are awarded to RIDEM. If payment is not possible, it will be made clear that our participation will be provided at our convenience.

**A similar proposal in both scope and cost was submitted by CT DEEP through the USFWS under the Hurricane Sandy relief bill. WPWA was not obligated to participate under this proposal, however USFWS has asked for WPWA technical support through the review phase in responding to the Sec. of Interior's questions. If both are ultimately approved, the combined funding should fully fund the project.*