

NOTICE OF GRANT OPPORTUNITY
FFY 17 604b Water Quality Management Planning
Pre-RFR Meetings
December 8, 2016

The Department of Environmental Protection plans to hold two pre - RFR Informational Meetings to discuss potential projects before the FFY 17 604b RFR is issued in early 2017. We recommend potential respondents attend these meeting to discuss your ideas for new projects. The meetings will be held at:

- 1) MassDEP's Central Regional Office at 8 New Bond Street Worcester MA on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. in the Chicopee Room (Snow date is Wednesday, January 25th at the same location from 10AM to Noon); and**
- 2) MassDEP's Boston Office at One Winter Street, Boston MA on Friday, January 27th from 10 A.M. to Noon.**

See <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/about/contacts/central-region.html> and <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/about/contacts/massdep-boston-office-hours-and-directions.html> for directions.

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For FFY 2017, the Department will focus 604b grant funds towards nonpoint source assessment and planning projects leading to the:

- 1) development of Watershed-based Plans (WBPs) for 319 grant projects. A new on-line tool to support development of WBPs can be found at: <http://prj.geosyntec.com/MassDEPWPB>;
- 2) determination of the nature, extent and causes of water quality problems and determination of pollutant load reductions necessary to meet water quality standards;
- 3) development of municipal and regional approaches to stormwater issues including coordination of technical information sharing among communities and creation of storm-water utilities in regulated and non-regulated communities;
- 4) development of green infrastructure projects that manage wet weather to maintain or restore natural hydrology; or
- 5) development of preliminary designs and implementation plans that will address water quality impairments in impaired watersheds.