## Wood Creek Phase III Restoration Project - Revegetation

## Revegetation Contractor Request for Bids Questions and Responses

1. The revegetation plan for year 1 requires woody species in containers (particularly *Thuja plicata, Myrica californica,* and *Picea sitchensis*). There may not be enough time between the notice to proceed to the year one planting window dates to produce root tight plants. Is it possible to substitute these species or install them in year 2 to permit ample growing time?

**Response**: If it is not possible to produce woody species with tight roots for the year-1 planting window, then these species would be planted in year-2 to permit ample growing time. If this were to occur, the locations of year-1 woody species planted in year-2 would be recorded, and the plant establishment period for these occurrences would follow the same schedule as the year-2 plant establishment period.

2. Are willow cuttings and seed for propa allowed to be collected from the project site and adjacent NCRLT properties?

**Response**: Yes, willow cuttings and seed for propagation are allowed to be collected from the project site and adjacent NRLT property (Freshwater Farms Reserve) in coordination with the respective landowners. In general, unless approval is otherwise granted, no more than 30% of each individual plant's seeds or branches shall be collected.

3. Please confirm that the prevailing wage classification is Craft Laborer and Related Classifications, Area 2 Group 3 Determination: NC-23-102-1-2024-2 for all labor.

**Response**: The prevailing wage classification is Craft: Laborer and Related Classifications, Area 2. For planting activities during Year-1 and Year-2 the classification is Group 3. For all other activities (including but not limited to plant establishment period activities) please refer to the <u>DIR website</u>. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the Contractor to determine the appropriate prevailing wage classification and pay the correct rate based on DIR determinations.

4. Please define the size of "plug" and provide the required root volume for "plugs"? There are widely varying prices for different size/volume plugs. There is also a wide range in labor cost to install different size plugs.

**Response**: The size of plugs can either be:

- 1 and 7/8 inches by 1 and 7/8 inches across and 2 and 3/8 inches deep which are referred to as "regular 50s", or
- 2 inches by 2 inches across and 5 inches deep, which are referred to as "deep 50s" or "DP50".

There is no required root volume for the plugs. Rather, if the plant displays healthy vigor during the inspection period (prior to planting) then the root volume is assumed to be adequate.