

Agenda Item #9

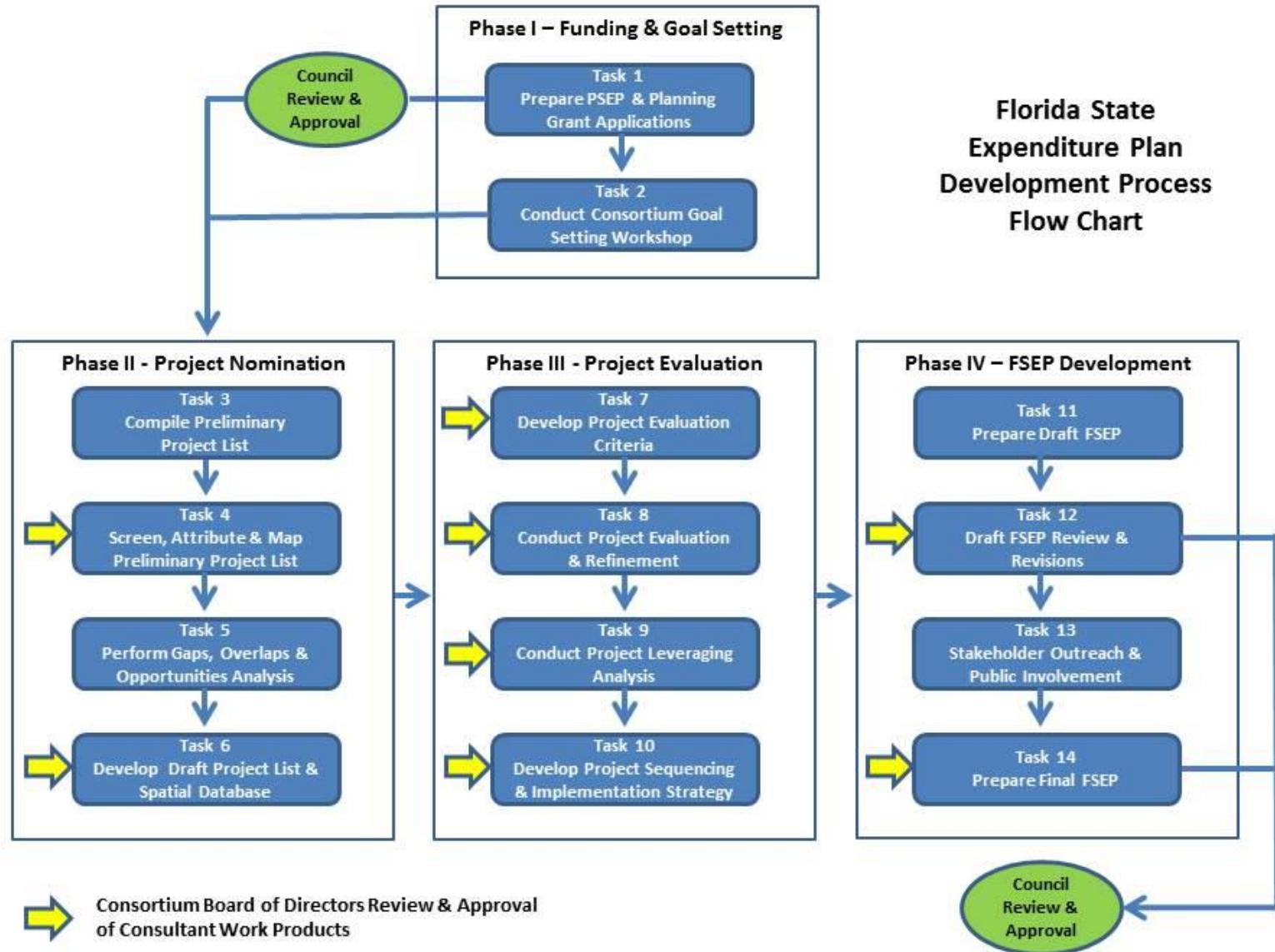
Approval of Work Order 4A – Compile Preliminary Project List (Phase I)

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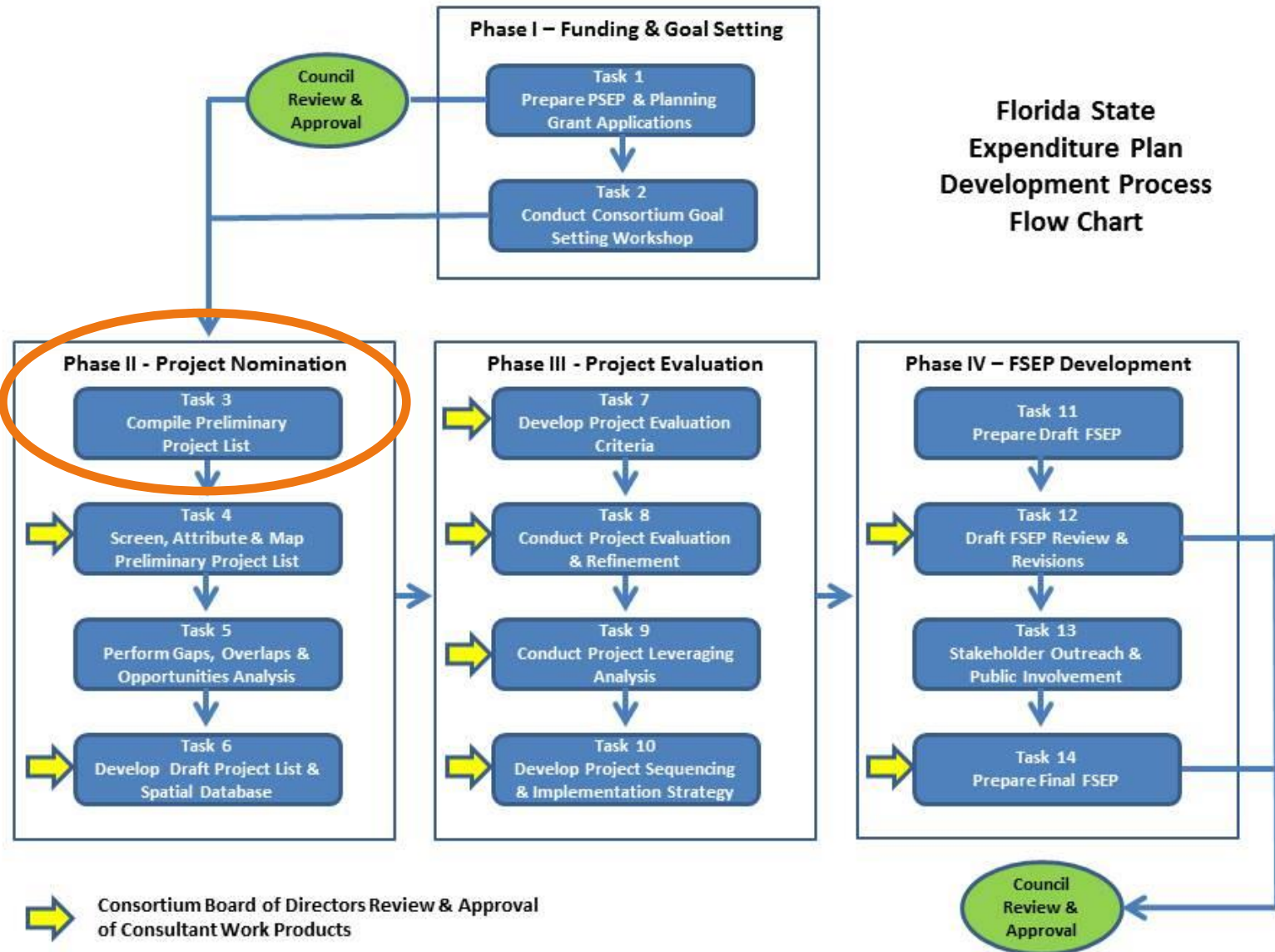


Gulf Consortium Board Meeting
June 28, 2016 – Orlando, FL

Florida State Expenditure Plan Development Process Flow Chart



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Scope of Work

1. Develop draft project nomination package
2. Meet with FDEP to review the draft project nomination package
3. Revise and distribute draft nomination package to the Counties
4. Respond to questions from the Counties
5. Compile and conduct review of project nomination submittals
6. Prepare summary Technical Memorandum
7. Present summary to Gulf Consortium Board at the September 13, 2016 meeting

Project Nomination – First Steps

- First cut look at the suite of projects that will comprise the SEP
- Some Counties will have well-developed projects while others will need further assistance
- Next step: consult with Counties as requested to
 - Identify needs and opportunities
 - Develop project concepts
 - Prioritize potential projects

RESTORE Act Eligible Activities

1. Restoration and protection of the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast region
2. Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife, and natural resources
3. Implementation of a federally-approved marine, coastal, or comprehensive conservation management plan, including fisheries monitoring
4. Workforce development and job creation
5. Improvements to or on State parks located in coastal areas affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill
6. Infrastructure projects benefiting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure
7. Coastal flood protection and related infrastructure
8. Planning assistance
9. Administrative costs of complying with the Act
10. Promotion of tourism in the Gulf Coast region, including recreational fishing
11. Promotion of the consumption of seafood harvested from the Gulf Coast region

SEP Requirements

1. Meets one or more of the eligible activities under the RESTORE Act
2. Contributes to the overall economic and ecological recovery of the Gulf Coast
3. Is compatible with other State Expenditure Plans with regard to issues that cross Gulf Coast State boundaries
4. Takes into consideration the Comprehensive Plan and is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan
5. Does not use more than 25% of funds for *infrastructure* unless the infrastructure limitation exception is met

What is Infrastructure?

*Infrastructure means the public facilities or systems needed to support commerce and economic development. These installations and facilities span a wide range, including highways, airports, roads, buildings, transit systems, **port facilities**, railways, telecommunications, **water and sewer systems**, public electric and gas utilities, **levees, seawalls, breakwaters, major pumping stations, and flood gates.***

Infrastructure encompasses new construction, upgrades and repairs to existing facilities or systems, and associated land acquisition and planning.

Department of Treasury

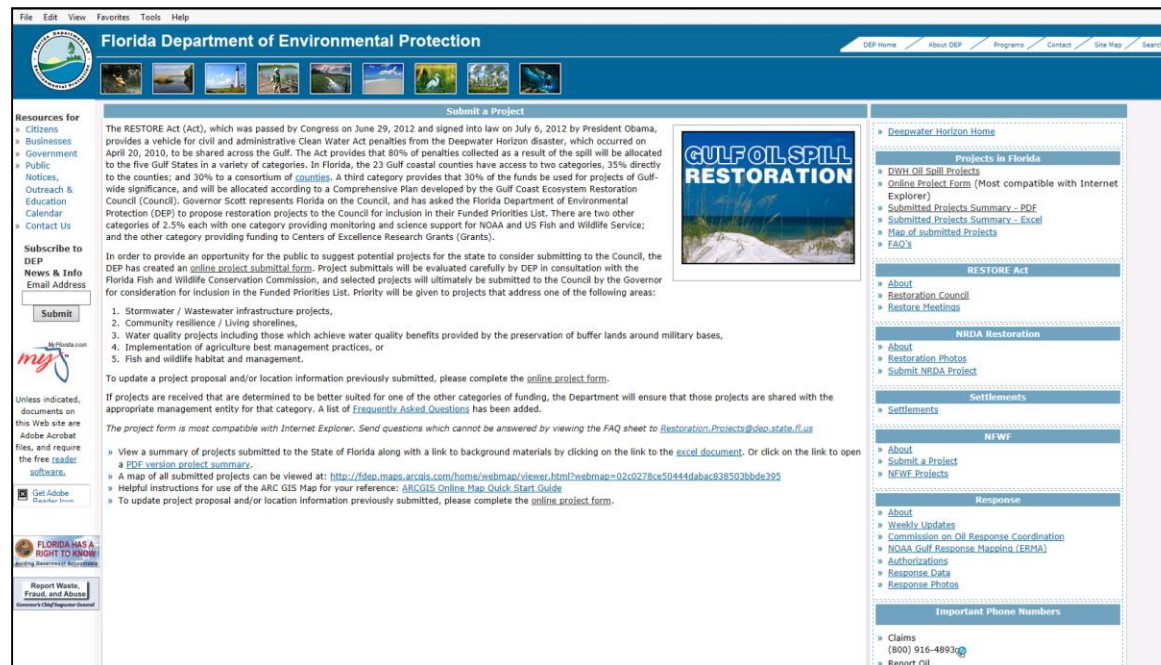
Infrastructure Limitation Exemption

A state may propose a State Expenditure Plan that uses more than 25% of its funds for infrastructure, if the State Expenditure Plan certifies that:

1. Ecosystem restoration needs will be addressed by other projects in the proposed State Expenditure Plan, and
2. Additional investment in infrastructure is required to mitigate the impacts of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill to the ecosystem or economy

FDEP Project Portal

- Established in 2013
- Open to all stakeholders in Florida
- Requires submittal of online project description
- 1,408 projects submitted as of August 2015



The screenshot shows the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Project Portal website. The page is titled "Submit a Project" and features a prominent banner for "GULF OIL SPILL RESTORATION". The main content area provides information about the RESTORE Act (Act), which was passed by Congress on June 29, 2012, and signed into law on July 6, 2012, by President Obama. It details the allocation of funds for restoration projects across the five Gulf States, with Florida receiving 35% directly to the counties and 30% to a consortium of counties. A third category provides that 30% of the funds be used for projects of Gulf-wide significance, and will be allocated according to a Comprehensive Plan developed by the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council (Council). Governor Scott represents Florida on the Council, and has asked the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) to propose restoration projects to the Council for inclusion in their Funded Priorities List. There are two other categories of 2.5% each with one category providing monitoring and science support for NOAA and US Fish and Wildlife Service; and the other category providing funding to Centers of Excellence Research Grants (Grants).

In order to provide an opportunity for the public to suggest potential projects for the state to consider submitting to the Council, the DEP has created an [online project submittal form](#). Project submittals will be evaluated carefully by DEP in consultation with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and selected projects will ultimately be submitted to the Council by the Governor for consideration for inclusion in the Funded Priorities List. Priority will be given to projects that address one of the following areas:

1. Stormwater / Wastewater infrastructure projects,
2. Community resilience / Living shorelines,
3. Water quality projects including those which achieve water quality benefits provided by the preservation of buffer lands around military bases,
4. Implementation of agriculture best management practices, or
5. Fish and wildlife habitat and management.

To update a project proposal and/or location information previously submitted, please complete the [online project form](#).

If projects are received that are determined to be better suited for one of the other categories of funding, the Department will ensure that those projects are shared with the appropriate management entity for that category. A list of [Frequently Asked Questions](#) has been added.

The project form is most compatible with Internet Explorer. Send questions which cannot be answered by viewing the FAQ sheet to Restoration.Projects@dep.state.fl.us

- View a summary of projects submitted to the State of Florida along with a link to background materials by clicking on the link to the [excel document](#). Or click on the link to open a [PDF version project summary](#).
- A map of all submitted projects can be viewed at: <http://fdap.maps.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?webmap=02c0278ce50444dabac838503bde395>
- Helpful instructions for use of the ARC GIS Map for your reference: [ARC GIS Online Map Quick Start Guide](#)
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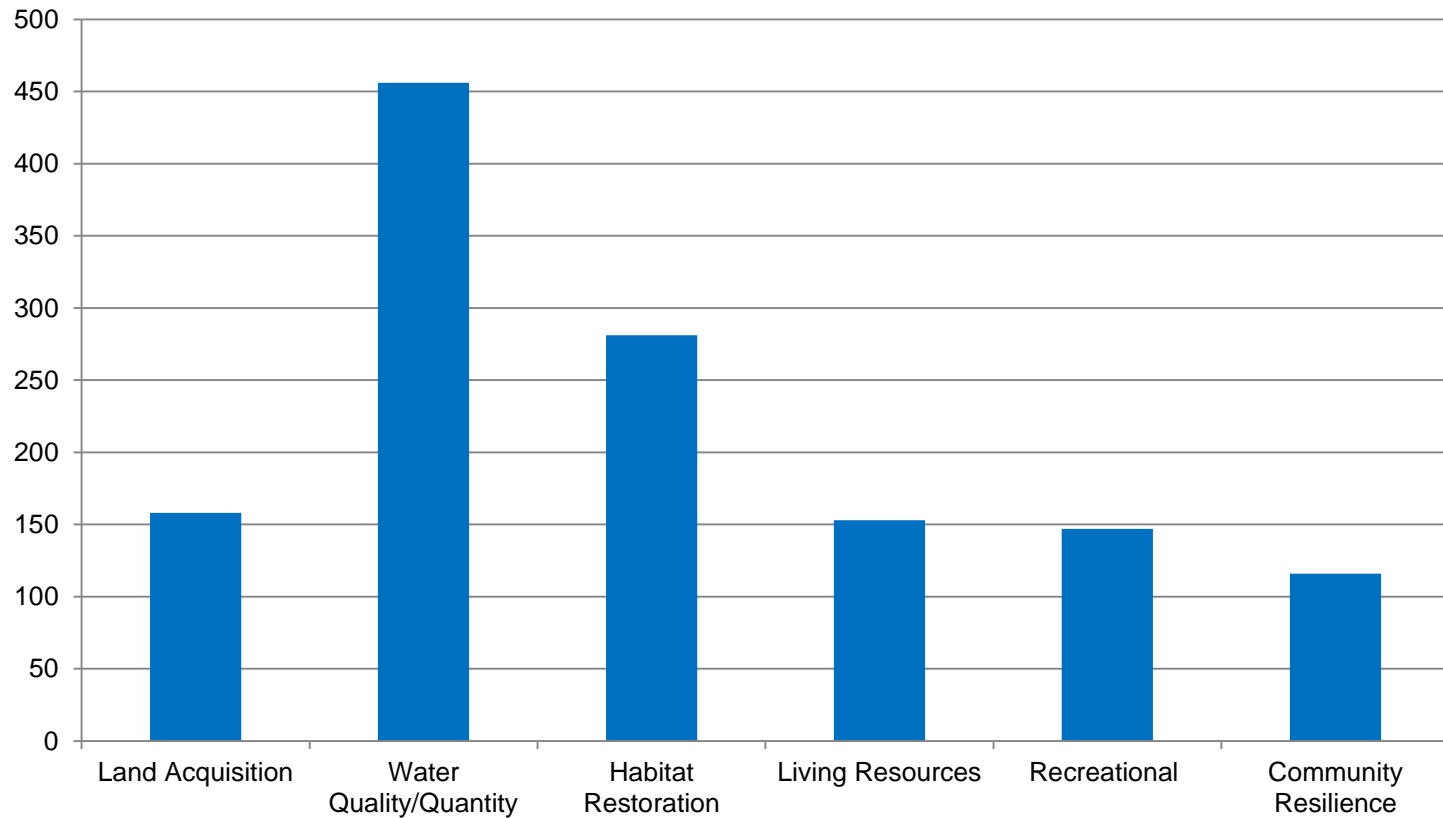
The right sidebar contains a "Deepwater Horizon Home" section with links to "Projects in Florida", "DWH Oil Spill Projects", "Online Project Form (Most compatible with Internet Explorer)", "Submitted Projects Summary - PDF", "Submitted Projects Summary - Excel", and "Map of Submitted Projects". Below this are sections for "RESTORE Act", "NRDA Restoration", "Settlements", "NRF", and "Response", each with sub-links. The bottom of the sidebar lists "Important Phone Numbers" including Claims (800) 916-4893 and Report Oil.

Six Major Project Types

1. Land Acquisition = 158 (11%)
2. Water quality/quantity = 456 (32%)
3. Habitat restoration = 281 (20%)
4. Living resources = 153 (11%)
5. Recreational = 147 (10%)
6. Community resilience = 116 (9%)

Duplicates or undefined projects = 97 (7%)

Project Numbers by Type



A parody of the iconic World War II poster 'We Can Do It!' featuring Rosie the Riveter. Rosie is depicted with her signature red bandana with white polka dots, a blue denim work shirt, and a determined expression. Her right arm is flexed, showing a green tattoo of a bus on her bicep. The background is a bright yellow. At the top, the text 'We Can Do It!' is written in large, white, bold letters against a dark blue background. Below the title, the website 'WWW.RECONNECT ROCHESTER.ORG' is printed in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. In the bottom left corner, there is a signature 'J. Smith' and a small circular logo that says 'Rochester N.Y.'. In the bottom right corner, there is a block of text in a small, white, sans-serif font.

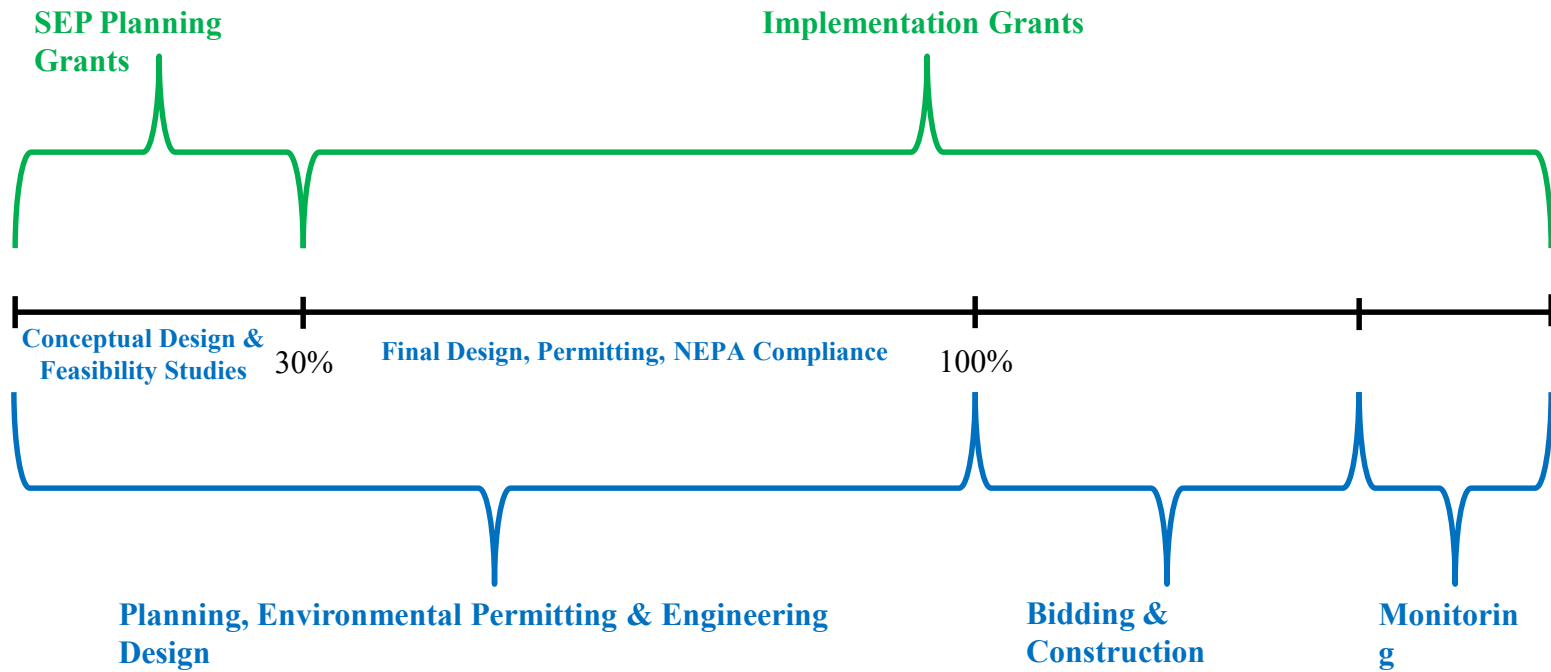
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Ever wonder why 'Dinner & Movie' involves 3 car trips in this town?
Or why all of our open spaces are filled with parking spaces?
Maybe our great-grandparents had it right. Maybe it's time
to take a step back—into the future. Let's reconnect.

We are Rochesterians for a new
multimodal transit network. Join us.

Project Life-Cycle and Funding Continuum



SEP Planning Grants

Implementation Grants

Conceptual Design & Feasibility Studies

30%

Final Design, Permitting, NEPA Compliance

100%

Planning, Environmental Permitting & Engineering Design

Bidding & Construction

Monitoring