

**TOWN OF PORTSMOUTH, RHODE ISLAND**  
Addendum #1  
**MELVILLE PONDS ENGINEERING STUDY**  
**Bid # P08-018**

This addendum summarizes questions and answers from the mandatory pre-bid conference held on May 12, 2008.

Question. What is the budget for this study? Answer. The Town does not have a set budget for this Study. The Town Council will need to approve an expenditure of funds for the Study.

- Q. Does the Town have any previous studies? A. The Town has a 1943 study which contains the capacities of the ponds.
- Q. Is the Town's focus on restoration a concern about storm water or the environment? A. The Town is primarily concerned with the environmental benefit from protecting the lower pond from silting up. The Town seeks to improve the wild life habitat.
- Q. What was the original purpose of the pond system? A. The Town understands that the original goal was to provide a water resource to the Navy. The property was given to the Town by the Federal Government with the understanding that the Town would preserve the land for recreational use.
- Q. Is there a salt water influence? A. No.
- Q. What is the condition of the ponds? A. The upper and lower ponds are "class A ponds" and are stocked with trout.
- Q. Is it possible to tour the site? A. An optional tour will be offered at noon on Wednesday at the lower parking lot.
- Q. What is the ultimate goal from the Study? A. The object is to determine the extent the pond system is failing and increase the silt removal capabilities of the middle ponds.
- Q. Has the Town mapped storm water for this area? A. No.
- Q. From what outside areas does surface runoff enter this pond area? A. The Town believes that most surface runoff enters from King's Grant, the Hilltop area and Clock Tower Square. There may also be underground stream(s) entering from Stringham Road.

Q. What has caused the middle pond systems to deteriorate? A. No maintenance has been performed since the land was given to the Town. The intermediate ponds have dams which were built from fieldstone and vegetation has filled in the dam walls.

Q. How long a period of time is allowed for the Study? A. The Study is to be completed within six months after contract signing.

What general mapping is available of the area? A. Detailed information may be found at the State's web site: [www.edc.uri.edu/rigis](http://www.edc.uri.edu/rigis) Please note: 1:5000 color, un-georegistered aerial photography taken in May, 2005 is available from Gary Crosby (683-0888 or [gcrosby@portsmouthri.com](mailto:gcrosby@portsmouthri.com)) in either MrSID or Tiff format.