

Responses to questions raised at the February 8, 2019 NNL public forum and during public comment period.

Question	Response
Questions raised at Public Forum	
1. How will this project affect the Prescott Brook?	It shouldn't.
2. Is that brook at the point at the South Dam? Is that fed from underneath the brook, the original source of the brook or is it fed through the blanket or toe drains?	The existing seepage through the Dam feeds the Prescott Brook. Seepage comes from both the toe and blanket drains.
3. That water coming from the toe drain, is that coming from the top of the dam? (phreatic line)	No.
4. More questions about phreatic line and how to discern on the maps.	Marc Brooks explains phreatic line and saturation.
5. When dirt is being removed will it cause sediment in Prescott Brook?	No, there will be measures in place.
6. What are we going to do when it rains so that muddy water doesn't run into the brook? And at no point will there be mud in the brook?	There will be measures in place. The Authority will have to comply with rules of Hunterdon County for erosion and sediment control.
7. What department in Hunterdon County will we be working with regarding mud in the brook?	Soil Conservation District.
8. With respect to South Dam and trees along the right abutment down the hill, referenced as dogwoods and vibrantly colored in the Fall, is the Authority planning to reforest that and why would we need to remove those trees?	There are no plans to reforest there. Removal at this location is for staging and stockpiling and to expand footprint for truck traffic and construction activity.
9. How many feet wide is the area in question at the abutment of the South Dam?	Only 4/10ths of an acre so maybe 10 feet. Less than 50 feet easily.
10. Is there any consideration that dogwood be one of the trees that is used in the reforestation?	That is not one of the species recommended by the Forest Service.
11. Why are dogwoods not recommended by the Forest Service?	NJ Forest Service email dated 2/15/19 indicated that there are concerns regarding the planting of flowering dogwood

	based upon its susceptibility to disease (dogwood anthracnose). Response sent to forum attendee 4/8/2019.
12. Most of the reforestation is going to take place within the 24.1 acres?	Yes.
13. Are those trees being removed because of Emerald Ash borer or are you staging there too?	We are staging there but we chose that area because the ash trees are there and it would do least damage cutting trees in that area.
14. Will that entire 24.1 acre area have soil placed on top of it temporarily?	Yes, the majority.
15. And yet on the North Dam you do not need that much land?	The clearing requirements are dependent upon how much clear area is available to us (South Dam) footprint is not sufficient. More open land available at North and Dike and they will be constructed together so staging areas will be shared.
16. At South Dam, there are some ash trees that are not infected; it is proactive to remove them all? Does Forestry say that they all must be removed?	Removal of ash trees is least impactful. We have chosen the ash tree area because those trees are already infected.
17. But 67% are infected, so there are 40% not infected.	We need the area for staging. We would rather choose an area like this because the trees are already dying there.
18. Who will be doing the removal? Followup: That person has not been selected yet?	It will be a contractor based on a bidding process. One general contractor might subcontract the tree removal. Confirms that the contractor has not been selected yet.

<p>19. How will the wood be disposed?</p>	<p>The ash wood will be left on site and the other wood will be taken off site.</p>
<p>20. In the life cycle of the EAB, does that get rid of it? I thought contaminated wood had to be burned.</p>	<p>Burning is a great way to kill the egg larva and bug itself. But we will not be replanting ash so leaving the wood on the ground is not detrimental for this area or adjacent areas where EAB already exists. This is less of an impact than removing the logs to areas which may not yet be infested.</p>
<p>21. At this time is there any way to kill the borers?</p>	<p>There are treatments but the trees in question are highly compromised, at least halfway dead if not more. In the fall, they had lost their leaves before other trees, so these trees are gone.</p>
<p>22. Is the 24.1 acre area going along the road of the recreation area, from 629 to the recreation area? This area is contained pretty much right below the recreation area?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>
<p>23. When the trees are removed what is going to be done to stop erosion because it is on an incline?</p>	<p>Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District will have guidelines.</p>
<p>24. Is there grass in between the trees?</p>	<p>Yes, there will be tree planting and seeding as well and that will be subject to a soil control plan. The areas will be stabilized and not eroding per regulations.</p>
<p>25. Will these 24.1 acres be reforested?</p>	<p>It will be.</p>
<p>26. I thought only 23.9 acres (will be)?</p>	<p>The confusion comes from the 32.9% that is not ash tree. The 23.9 acres is the number of</p>

	<p>acres needed to make the calculations to multiply by 408 trees per acre deforested. We are going to take that 23.9, multiply by 408 and that is the number of trees. Then we determine how much space we need. It is more than the 24.1 acres. These numbers are approximate. They won't vastly change but we are still finalizing the plan, maybe .3 or .2 acres off. The bulk of the trees will be planted in the Boy Scout area, which is the ash tree area. If more space is needed the balance of the trees will go to the North Dam.</p>
<p>27. Will the trees be planted randomly or in a row?</p>	<p>We will be given an on-center distance. You are not planting them in rows. You try to plant them as randomly as you possibly can 10 feet away.</p>
<p>28. Will each tree be approximately 10 feet away?</p>	<p>Each tree will be approximately 10 feet away from the other one.</p>
<p>29. Who will be overseeing this removal of the trees and reforestation on site?</p>	<p>The Authority is owner of the project. Schnabel will have representatives on site doing construction inspection for all aspects.</p>
<p>30. Will oversight occur on a daily or weekly basis?</p>	<p>On a daily basis. Parks and Forestry will have a final review of the plantings both when they are done and two years later to make sure</p>

	mortality rate is appropriate. William Macholdt clarified yearly inspection by Forestry.
31. Is there any consideration to have evergreens as part of the reforestation? I think that would be good idea.	The planting plan for the reforestation area was prepared based upon specifications received from NJ Forest Service. In an email dated 2/15/2019 Forest Service provided a list of recommended tree species for planting. Included in this list was Eastern red cedar (<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>), which is a coniferous evergreen tree; this was the only evergreen species within the recommended planting list provided by the Forest Service. We are subject to Forest Service recommendations. Response sent to Forum attendee April 8, 2019
32. You can't recommend types of trees?	I will ask but Forest Service is the arbiter of the final determination.
33. If you had to guess, why would evergreens not be allowed?	If we find out why, we will pass along the information.
34. Is this the only public meeting there will be? How would I know I am just spinning my wheels?	The transcript will be posted on our website as will the Q&A responses to the public comments.
35. And is that roundvalleyproject.com?	Yes.
36. Is the PowerPoint also on the website?	Not yet, but large parts of it will be. (The entire PowerPoint was ultimately posted on the project website.)
37. I specifically request that the	The maps will be posted.

mapping with the red areas, the areas with extensive disruption, be posted.	
38. I heard 7.9 acres of the ash trees had to be restored, true?	Yes, we did a study of the area and found that 67.1 percent of the area is ash trees. We are not responsible for reforesting that percentage. 32.9 percent contains other species so we are responsible for reforesting 7.9 acres.
39. 32.9 percent is non-ash percentage?	Multiplied by 24 percent.
40. Is it possible to make a part of the contract that even the ash area will be reforested but not with ash trees?	The whole 24.1 acre area will be subject to reforestation. This is just how the calculations are done to get to the number of acres. That whole ash tree area to be cleared will be replanted and we will need a little bit of additional area to replant on the north dam. Mr. Raschke and Mr. Macholdt offered further clarification of the calculations.
41. In the No Net Loss law, if someone removes for harvesting more than a half-acre of trees on Sate property, does it have to be reforested?	Harvesting implies a Forest Management Plan is in place and I would assume in that case you are not replacing trees.
42. And if you didn't have the forest management plan?	It is beyond my... (response interrupted)
43. Beth Gates was asked for her name and title.	Beth Gates, Executive Director of the Authority
44. Bill Macholdt was asked where he works.	Amy Greene Environmental Consultants, a firm in Flemington subcontracted to Schnabel.
45. Regarding the South Dam, where the	Not if soil and sediment

<p>pond is on the incline which runs down to Prescott Brook, will that pond get muddy with all this work?</p>	<p>controls are in place. The Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District has specific requirements when you disturb the land. Hunterdon County is the regulatory agency responsible.</p>
<p>46. If I saw a muddy pond or brook, who is the first in command to bring it to someone's attention?</p>	<p>You can always contact the Water Supply Authority or the Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District. We need to get a permit from them to do this project and we will need to show them the plans will be in place to prevent that from happening.</p>
<p>47. Regarding the .4 acres on the South Dam, how can you make me feel more confident that you will protect what I see is a very special tree area? For every tree that comes down it doesn't reseed itself. Discussed the deer problem in destroying understory.</p>	<p>We are just taking a little sliver of trees. The Water Supply Authority does not take lightly taking down trees. We are trying to minimize the number of acreage impacted and if planning this project indicates we don't need to take down certain trees, we wouldn't do it. In the end, if we have to widen the space in question we will have to take them down.</p>
<p>48. Will most of the trucking be on site or will they be bringing things on these roads?</p>	<p>There is a certain amount of fill to be brought in for the drains, but material excavated from the dam will be placed on site.</p>
<p>49. Will truck traffic be coming from 22 or from Flemington? Will 629 be impacted?</p>	<p>Trucks will not be allowed on Molasses Hill. Route 22 and 78 along the Round Valley</p>

	Access Road. Yes 629 will be impacted but not south of the South Dam. Not coming from Flemington.
50. When trees are being replanted will there be deer protection?	Yes. Specifications of the No Net Loss Reforestation Plan will require that the entire reforestation area be protected by deer fencing. Reiterated in a response to Forum attendee dated April 8, 2019
51. We have until April to submit written concerns?	Yes, April 9.
52. Is there any reason you can't put the entire power point on the Round Valley website?	We will make a determination if any of the information is sensitive for security purposes, but the maps of the areas of deforestation and reforestation will be posted.
53. May I have your contact information (Mr. Macholdt)? Also requested information from Forest Service representative.	Contact information provided.
Other public comment	
1. Would the Authority extend the project to refurbish the parking lots at the boat and kayak ramps, plant flowers, and trim shrubs along the water? Finally, the writer expressed concern over downed trees within the park.	The inquiry was forwarded to the Round Valley Recreation Area Superintendent, Park Manager, for consideration. The commenter was notified that the inquiry was forwarded.