

Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

Recreational Trails Program (RTP)

Q. With respect to trail development, are there resources we can use to find out what we need to do to meet the Federal Accessibility and Safe Trails requirements?

A. See the RTP Guide “Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance” section. There are many resources available for design guidance and best practices.

FHWA provides guidelines for Accessibility here:

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/recreational_trails/guidance/manuals.cfm

The [Architectural Barriers Act \(ABA\) Standards for Outdoor Developed Areas](#) applies to projects on Federal lands or constructed by a Federal agency.

The Pennsylvania Land Trust has published a very useful guide for Universal Access Trails and Share Use Paths available for viewing or download here:

<https://conservationtools.org/guides/115-universal-access-trails-and-shared-use-paths>

Q. If applicant is proposing to buy equipment what address should they provide?

A. Applicant may provide the address where the equipment will be stored. The organization office will be provided in the applicant info section.

Q. Does the applicant need to list any permits on the SEQR form if they are replacing equipment in kind?

A. This depends on if any permits are required. If, for instance, a permit is required from DEC, then that may be stated. The RTP application does require a signed statement from any jurisdictional agencies that the use of the equipment is permitted. (See “Application Requirements” – “Purchase or Lease of Equipment”)

Q. How do the several phases of the RTP program (i.e. design, etc.) apply to equipment purchases? Do they need to list all of them?

A. A project which includes *only* the purchase of equipment does not require design or right-of-way phases. All funds should be listed in the construction phase.

Q. What are the rules for “Buy America” if they are purchasing used grooming equipment?

A. The same Buy America rules apply for both used and new equipment. Please contact

your OPRHP Regional Grants Administrator if you have questions.

Q. What Land owner permissions are required for equipment purchase-only projects?

A. A signed [*Landowner Permission Attestation*](#) is required with the application. This is available at: <https://parks.ny.gov/grants/consolidated-funding-app.aspx>

Q. Is a project solely for land acquisition eligible?

A. Yes. This is an eligible project type under RTP. Please see the RTP CFA materials under “Eligible RTP Projects” and “Application Requirements” and for more detailed information on the requirements for acquisition of real property see the RTP Guide “Right-of-Way Phase” and “Acquisition of Property” sections.