

Interview Questions for Property Owners: River Revitalization Project

We are sharing these questions with property owners in advance. The goal is to better understand your ideas, concerns, and vision for your property. We may not ask every question or follow this exact order. The interview will take about one hour.

1. Your Vision and Impact

- What is your vision for your property?
- How does your vision fit with the project goals for River Revitalization (R2SC)? (Goals are on the last page of this document and in the RFI.)
- What benefits do you think this project will bring to your property and the local area?

2. Development Ideas

- Are there any features or improvements you want to include in your property plans?

3. Working Together

- What support would you need from the committee, consultants, or the town? (For example, financial help, [financial help is covered better under 7, below] zoning changes, permits, or advice on the best use of your property.)
- What commitments can you make to help move this project forward?

4. Concerns and Barriers

- Do you see any challenges that could slow down or stop your property plans?

5. Environmental Considerations

- What environmental factors should we think about for your property redevelopment?
- Are there any existing features (like trees, wildlife, or river access) you want to keep or improve?

6. Project Timeline

- What steps would you need to take to make your plans happen within 1 to 5 years?
- How do you see your role in this project as it moves forward?

7. Funding and Resources

- What funding or other resources do you think are needed to redevelop your property successfully?
- Would you consider public-private partnerships or grant opportunities to help fund the project?

Important Information

Please review the RFI details before the interview. You can find the full RFI here: [Link to RFI](#)

How Projects will be Selected

- A mix of different types of projects
- Whether the project can be finished completed within 1 to 5 years.
- How well your ideas vision matches the goals for river revitalization.
- Your interest in working with the town and committee volunteers.

River Revitalization Goals

- Better spaces for walking and cycling.
- Improvements like traffic calming, parks, and open spaces.
- Successfully re-locating those businesses interested in moving to other locations (e.g., outdoor storage or industrial businesses).
- Strengthening our local economy (including beautification, new commercial spaces, and workforce housing).
- Protecting and improving river health (e.g., floodplain restoration, stormwater management, wildlife habitat, and river access).

Types of Projects We Are Looking For

- Properties with potential to add workforce housing.
- Properties that can offer new pedestrian or cyclist-friendly spaces.
- Properties that could add screening or other visual improvements.
- Industrial or outdoor storage businesses that want to move to a better location and redevelop their property.
- Properties near the river that can include improvements like restoring habitat, stabilizing slopes, or managing stormwater.