Q. Is this a design/build project?

A. We do see this as a "design build" contract. The assumption is that the first phase will be design, and whoever does the design will also do the implementation (or hire a subcontractor). The current funding on-hand ($150,000) will be split between design and part of implementation. Once the contract gives us an estimate for the total cost, we will pursue additional funding as necessary.

Q. What is the priority list for the project?

A. The priorities, in order, are 1. water quality/stormwater improvement; 2. bank stabilization; 3. aesthetic improvements.

Q. Do we have any cad base information for the pond area that would include topo, water elevation, utility easements, and boundary for the parcel containing the pond? If not, do you plan on obtaining this information from another consultant, or would it become a requirement of this proposal that you would have to obtain through a subcontractor?

A. We have depths and site plans containing the parcel. We don't have any cad or topo. If that's needed for the project, it would have to be done by the bidder.

Q. How did OPA develop the initial $500,000 cost estimate?

A. We developed this number in partnership with Maryland Coastal Bays Program (MCBP). Very roughly speaking, we estimated $50,000 for design, and $350,000 for implementation.

Q. Are there or were there any outside entities (e.g., contractors, not-for-profit, or others) involved in this project at any time, and if so, who were they?

A. MCBP is our partner in this project. We secured an initial $150,000 federal grant through them and we expect to work with them to secure funding for the remaining balance, based on returned bids. It's also possible that Ocean Pines Public Works and/or a team of volunteers could assist with some of the work, such as planting the vegetation along the shoreline.

Q. The $500,000 estimate was for evaluation, design, permitting and implementation. Does OPA have any expectation of the breakdown between the implementation phase and the other combined components mentioned?

A. See above. Our rough estimate was $50,000 for design and $350,000 for implementation. These were just high-level estimates based on the experience of MCBP. I don't believe we have broken it down further than that.