NORTH ATLANTIC LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION COOPERATIVE GRANT ONE YEAR NO COST EXTENSION REQUEST

<u>Grant Number and Title</u>: NALCC 2013-2; "Increasing Resiliency for Riverine Ecosystems via Collaborative Culvert Assessment."

Grant Project Leader: Scott Jackson

Brief Summary of Progress to Date:

The project has made great strides in a short period of time. An organizational structure was created and participants recruited to a Core Group and an Advisory Work Group. Regular meetings and webinars occurred. A unified culvert assessment protocol was developed. An online training module is in development. The existing UMass Stream Continuity Database has begun to be updated and expanded to accommodate the needs of the entire region. Prioritization of areas for field surveys was completed.

Explanation/Need for Extension:

Although the start date for this grant was January 1, 2014, delays in finalizing a contract between UMass and WMI delayed work on the project until April 2014. In order to have the full 18 months to complete the work we request an extension until September 30, 2015.

Activities Anticipated during the 3 Month No Cost Extension:

Continue to refine and develop training materials. Continue to expand and refine the database and the NAACC website. Identify other existing sources of data and compile. Continue devising appropriate scoring systems. Complete report and make data available for download.

New expected end date:

9/30/2015

Costs:

NALCC Funds Requested to Date: \$52,365.46

Total Approved Budgeted NALCC Funds: \$150,000

Signature:

Date: June 2, 2015