

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL TO NATIONAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS) FOR EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROTECTION PROGRAM FUNDING FOR DRAINAGE SYSTEM RESTORATION OF "LILY POND" DRAINAGE CHANNELS IN WEST DIAMONDHEAD NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF ANELA DRIVE AND DIAMONDHEAD DRIVE NORTH.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council for the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi are seeking funding in the amount of \$240,900 from the National Resources Conservation Service through the Emergency Watershed Protection Program for a drainage system restoration project; the project channels are the upstream and downstream channels of "Lilly Pond" in west Diamondhead near the intersection of Anela Drive and Diamondhead Drive North., and

WHEREAS, provided the City is awarded by the National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Emergency Watershed Protection funding in the amount of \$240,900, the NRCS federal share would be seventy-five percent (75%) or \$180,675 and the City of Diamondhead agrees to provide matching funds of twenty-five percent (25%) or a total of \$60,225, in the form of cash, in-kind services or a combination of both.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT IS RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi:

SECTION 1. The City of Diamondhead shall provide the matching funds of at least twenty-five percent (25%) or \$60,225 if awarded Emergency Watershed Protection Program Funds for drainage system restoration to the upstream and downstream channels of the Lily Pond near the intersection of Anela Drive and Diamondhead Drive North and; and

SECTION 2. The Mayor and City Council authorize the City Manager to sign any and all documents pertinent to this grant application and further that the City is obligated to match at least twenty-five percent (25%) funds whether it- be cash, in-kind service(s) or a combination of both to meet the requirements for this grant application. The City will assume responsibility for expenditures in excess of \$60,225 for this project.

RESOLVED, this the ____ day of December, 2020.

The above and foregoing resolution, after having been first reduced to writing, was introduced by Councilmember _____, seconded by Councilmember _____ and the question being put to a roll call vote, the result was as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Absent
Councilmember Finley	___	___	___
Councilmember Moran	___	___	___
Councilmember Morgan	___	___	___
Councilmember Clark	___	___	___
Councilmember L'Ecuyer	___	___	___
Mayor Depreo	___	___	___

ATTEST:

JEANNIE KLEIN, CITY CLERK

NANCY DEPREO, MAYOR



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December 4, 2020

Mr. Kurt Readus
State Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation Service
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Jackson, MS 39269-1602

Re: Emergency Watershed Protection Program
City of Diamondhead, Mississippi
Lily Pond Channels

Mr. Readus –

The City of Diamondhead humbly requests assistance in the recovery of critical stormwater handling facilities within the city limits of Diamondhead, Mississippi through the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program.


We ask for assistance in restoring a jeopardized drainage system to adequate capacity. The project channels are the upstream and downstream channels of "Lily Pond" in west Diamondhead near the intersection of Anela Drive and Diamondhead Drive North. On October 28, 2020, scattered intense rainfall from Hurricane Zeta exacerbated existing erosion and deposited excess sediment, bringing further threat to the citizens who live in its vicinity as well as recreational facilities shared by all citizens. Adjacent private properties are in threat of pre-mature failure due to this severe erosion. Planned repairs would include debris and sediment removal for approximately 2800 linear feet (in 2 channels entering Lily Pond and the channel exiting Lily Pond), as well as bank stabilization practices to guard against further erosion along the out-falling channel (full length) as well as the head and ends of the two incoming channels.

We understand that as project sponsors, we would need to procure all land rights, secure all necessary permits, furnish a local match of not less than 25%, and procure design, bid, and construction phase services of the installation of the proposed work. Based on estimates above (as detailed in the attached estimate), the City recognizes it will need to procure up to \$60,225 (25%) in the form of cash, in-kind services, or a combination of both. The Federal match would be \$180,675 (75%) for the approximately \$240,900 construction estimate.

As you may be aware, the City of Diamondhead was founded a in February 2012; when incorporated, the City inherited a drainage system that was already in need of several repairs. While we are diligently addressing drainage issues as quickly as possible, budget constraints on a new and small municipality leave gaps in our ability to adequately address all our drainage needs expeditiously. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

We sincerely appreciate your consideration for this matter. If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to reach me at (228) 222-4626. Additionally, you may wish to contact Mike Reso, City Manager for any administrative or technical issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Reso". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Michael Reso
City Manager, City of Diamondhead