

AGENDA STAFF MEMO

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Sara Leaders, PE, Public Works Director

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DATE: Submitted on February 7, 2025, for the February 19, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of a Professional Services Agreement between the City of Milton and Geo-Hydro Engineers, Inc. for Preliminary Subsurface Exploration and Geotechnical Engineering Evaluation at 300 Deerfield Parkway

SUMMARY:

The intent of this project is to perform five (5) machine-drilled soil test borings at chosen locations on city-owned property at 300 Deerfield Parkway. These borings will assist the City's design team, Lose Design, in estimating the cost of how much rock will need to be removed to develop the active park.

A minimal path will be cleared by Geo-Hydro from Deerfield Parkway to access the boring locations. Geo-Hydro was directed not to remove any trees greater than 15 inches in diameter which is allowed per city code.

FUNDING AND FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This contract will support future cost estimation and financial decisions for the active park.

ALTERNATIVES:

If this contract is not approved, cost estimates for construction of the active park will be less accurate.

PROCUREMENT SUMMARY (if applicable)

Purchasing method used:	Professional Services
Account Number:	300-6110-541200005
Requisition Total:	\$9,600.00

REVIEW & APPROVALS:

ATTACHMENT(S):

Professional Services Agreement – Short Form

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Steven Kroko

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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – SHORT FORM Preliminary Subsurface Exploration and Geotechnical Engineering Evaluation – 300 Deerfield Parkway

This Professional Services Agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into this ______ day of ______, 20____ (the "Effective Date"), by and between the CITY OF MILTON, GEORGIA, a municipal corporation of the State of Georgia, acting by and through its governing authority, the Mayor and City Council, located at 2006 Heritage Walk, Milton GA 30004 (hereinafter referred to as the "City"), and GEO-HYDRO ENGINEERS, INC., a Georgia corporation, having its principal place of business at 400 Chastain Center Blvd, NW, Ste 430, Kennesaw, GA 30144 (herein after referred to as the "Consultant"), collectively referred to herein as the "Parties."

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, City desires to retain a consultant to provide services in the completion of a Project (defined below); and

WHEREAS, Consultant has represented that it is qualified by training and experience to perform the Work (defined below) and desires to perform the Work under the terms and conditions provided in this Agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual promises, the public purposes, and the acknowledgements and agreements contained herein, and other good and adequate consideration, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties do mutually agree as follows:

Section 1. <u>Agreement.</u> The Agreement shall consist of this Professional Services Agreement and each of the Exhibits hereto, which are incorporated herein by reference, including:

Exhibit "A" – Scope of Work Exhibit "B" – Insurance Certificate Exhibit "C" – Contractor Affidavit Exhibit "D" – Subcontractor Affidavit

In the event of any discrepancy in or among the terms of the Agreement and the Exhibits hereto, the provision most beneficial to the City, as determined by the City in its sole discretion, shall govern.

Section 2. <u>The Work.</u> A general description of the Project is as follows: provide geotechnical engineering services to perform a preliminary subsurface exploration and present an evaluation of such findings of the property located at 300 Deerfield Parkway in Milton, Georgia (the "Project"). The Work to be completed under this Agreement (the "Work") includes, but shall not be limited to, the work described in the Scope of Work provided in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Unless otherwise stated in Exhibit "A", the Work includes all material, labor, insurance, tools, equipment, machinery, water, heat, utilities, transportation, facilities, services and any other miscellaneous items and work necessary to complete the Work. Some details necessary for proper execution and completion of the Work may not be specifically described in the Scope of Work, but they are a requirement of the Work if they are a usual and customary component of the contemplated services or are otherwise necessary for proper completion of the Work.

Section 3. <u>Contract Term; Termination</u>. Consultant understands that time is of the essence of this Agreement and warrants and represents that it will perform the Work in a prompt and timely manner, which shall not impose delays on the progress of the Work. The term of this Agreement ("Term") shall commence as of the Effective Date, and the Work shall be completed, and the Agreement shall terminate, on or before June 1, 2025 (provided that certain obligations will survive termination/expiration of this Agreement). City may terminate this Agreement for convenience at any time upon providing written notice thereof to Consultant. Provided that no damages are due to City for Consultant's breach of this Agreement, City shall pay Consultant for Work performed to date in accordance with Section 5 herein.

Section 4. <u>Work Changes.</u> Any changes to the Work requiring an increase in the Maximum Contract Price (defined below) shall require a written change order executed by the City in accordance with its purchasing regulations.

Section 5. <u>Compensation and Method of Payment.</u> The total amount paid under this Agreement as compensation for Work performed and reimbursement for costs incurred shall not, in any case, exceed NINE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$9,600.00) (the "Maximum Contract Price"), except as outlined in Section 4 above, and Consultant represents that this amount is sufficient to perform all of the Work set forth in and contemplated by this Agreement. The compensation for Work performed shall be based upon a lump sum fee. Consultant shall take no calculated risk in the performance of the Work. Specifically, Consultant agrees that, in the event it cannot perform the Work within the budgetary limitations established without disregarding sound principles of Consultant's profession and industry, Consultant will give written notice immediately to City.

City agrees to pay Consultant for the Work performed and costs incurred by Consultant upon certification by City that the Work was actually performed and costs actually incurred in accordance with the Agreement. No payments will be made for unauthorized work. Compensation for Work performed and, if applicable, reimbursement for costs incurred shall be paid to Consultant upon City's receipt and approval of invoices, setting forth in detail the services performed and costs incurred, along with all supporting documents required by the Agreement or requested by City to process the invoice. Invoices shall be submitted on a monthly basis, and such invoices shall reflect costs incurred versus costs budgeted.

Section 6. <u>Covenants of Consultant.</u>

A. <u>Licenses, Certification and Permits.</u> Consultant covenants and declares that it has obtained all diplomas, certificates, licenses, permits or the like required of Consultant by any and all national, state, regional, county, or local boards, agencies, commissions, committees or other regulatory bodies in order to perform the Work contracted for under this Agreement. Consultant shall employ only persons duly qualified in the appropriate area of expertise to perform the Work described in this Agreement.

B. Expertise of Consultant; City's Reliance on the Work. Consultant acknowledges and agrees that City does not undertake to approve or pass upon matters of expertise of Consultant and that, therefore, City bears no responsibility for Consultant's Work performed under this Agreement. City will not, and need not, inquire into adequacy, fitness, suitability or correctness of Consultant's performance. Consultant acknowledges and agrees that the acceptance or approval of Work by City is limited to the function of determining whether there has been compliance with what is required to be produced under this Agreement and shall not relieve Consultant of the responsibility for adequacy, fitness, suitability, and correctness of Consultant's Work under professional and industry standards.

C. <u>Consultant's Reliance on Submissions by City.</u> Consultant must have timely information and input from City in order to perform the Work required under this Agreement. Consultant is entitled to rely upon information provided by City, but Consultant shall provide immediate written notice to City if Consultant knows or reasonably should know that any information provided by City is erroneous, inconsistent, or otherwise problematic.

D. <u>Consultant's Representative: Meetings</u> Marky Peningty [INSERT NAME] shall be authorized to act on Consultant's behalf with respect to the Work as Consultant's designated representative, provided that this designation shall not relieve either Party of any written notice requirements set forth elsewhere in this Agreement. Consultant shall meet with City's personnel or designated representatives to resolve technical or contractual problems that may occur during the Term of this Agreement at no additional cost to the City.

E. <u>Assignment of Agreement.</u> Consultant covenants and agrees not to assign or transfer any interest in, or delegate any duties of, this Agreement, without the prior express written consent of the City.

F. <u>Responsibility of Consultant and Indemnification of City.</u> Consultant covenants and agrees to take and assume all responsibility for the Work rendered in connection with this Agreement. Consultant shall bear all losses and damages directly or indirectly resulting to it and/or City on account of the performance or character of the Work rendered pursuant to this Agreement. Consultant shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless City and City's elected and appointed officials, officers, boards, commissions, employees, representatives, consultants, servants, agents, attorneys and volunteers

(individually an "Indemnified Party" and collectively "Indemnified Parties") from and against any and all claims, suits, actions, judgments, injuries, damages, losses, costs, expenses and liability of any kind whatsoever, including but not limited to attorney's fees and costs of defense ("Liabilities"), which may arise from or be the result of an alleged willful, negligent or tortious act or omission arising out of the Work, performance of contracted services, or operations by Consultant, any subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by Consultant or subcontractor or anyone for whose acts or omissions Consultant or subcontractor may be liable, regardless of whether or not the act or omission is caused in part by a party indemnified hereunder; provided that this indemnity obligation shall only apply to the extent Liabilities are caused by or result from the negligence, recklessness, or intentionally wrongful conduct of the Consultant or other persons employed or utilized by the Consultant in the performance of this Agreement. This obligation shall not be construed to negate, abridge, or otherwise reduce any other right or obligation of indemnify which would otherwise exist as to any party or person described in this provision. This obligation to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Indemnified Party(ies) shall survive expiration or termination of this Agreement, provided that the claims are based upon or arise out of actions or omissions that occurred during the performance of this Agreement.

G. Independent Contractor. Consultant hereby covenants and declares that it is engaged in an independent business and agrees to perform the Work as an independent contractor and not as the agent or employee of City. Consultant agrees to be solely responsible for its own matters relating to the time and place the Work is performed and the method used to perform such Work; the instrumentalities, tools, supplies and/or materials necessary to complete the Work; hiring and payment of consultants, agents or employees to complete the Work, including benefits and compliance with Social Security, withholding and all other regulations governing such matters. Any provisions of this Agreement that may appear to give City the right to direct Consultant as to the details of the services to be performed by Consultant or to exercise a measure of control over such services will be deemed to mean that Consultant shall follow the directions of City with regard to the results of such services only. Inasmuch as City and Consultant are independent of each other, neither has the authority to bind the other to any third person or otherwise to act in any way as the representative of the other, unless otherwise expressly agreed to in writing signed by both Parties. Consultant agrees not to represent itself as City's agent for any purpose to any party or to allow any employee of Consultant to do so, unless specifically authorized, in advance and in writing, to do so, and then only for the limited purpose stated in such authorization. Consultant shall assume full liability for any contracts or agreements Consultant enters into on behalf of City without the express knowledge and prior written consent of City.

H. <u>Insurance</u>. Consultant shall have and maintain in full force and effect for the duration of this Agreement, insurance of the types and amounts approved by the City, as shown on **Exhibit "B"**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Consultant shall also ensure that any subcontractors are covered by insurance policies meeting the requirements specified herein and provide proof of such coverage. As it relates to any general liability, automobile liability or umbrella policies, and except where such requirement is specifically waived in writing by the City, Consultant shall ensure that its insurer waives all rights of subrogation against the City for losses arising from Consultant's Work and that the City and its officials, employees or agents are named as additional insureds.

I. <u>Employment of Unauthorized Aliens Prohibited</u> – E-Verify Affidavit. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, City shall not enter into a contract for the physical performance of services unless:

- (1) Consultant shall provide evidence on City-provided forms, attached hereto as **Exhibits "C" and "D"** (affidavits regarding compliance with the E-Verify program to be sworn under oath under criminal penalty of false swearing pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 16-10-71), that it and Consultant's subcontractors have registered with, are authorized to use and use the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, or any subsequent replacement program, in accordance with the applicable provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, and that they will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period, or
- (2) Consultant provides evidence that it is not required to provide an affidavit because it is an *individual* (not a company) licensed pursuant to Title 26 or Title 43 or by the State Bar of Georgia and is in good standing.

Consultant hereby verifies that it has, prior to executing this Agreement, executed a notarized affidavit, the form of which is provided in **Exhibit "C"**, and submitted such affidavit to City or provided City with evidence that it is an individual not required to provide such an affidavit because it is licensed and in good standing as noted in sub-subsection (2) above. Further, Consultant hereby agrees to comply with the requirements of the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA), P.L. 99-603, O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91 and Georgia Department of Labor Rule 300-10-1-.02.

In the event Consultant employs or contracts with any subcontractor(s) in connection with the covered contract, Consultant agrees to secure from such subcontractor(s) attestation of the subcontractor's compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91 and Rule 300-10-1-.02 by the subcontractor's execution of the subcontractor affidavit, the form of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit "D**", which subcontractor affidavit shall become part of the Consultant/subcontractor agreement, or evidence that the subcontractor is not required to provide such an affidavit because it is an *individual* licensed and in good standing as noted in sub-subsection (2) above. If a subcontractor affidavit is obtained, Consultant agrees to provide a completed copy to City within five (5) business days of receipt from any subcontractor. Consultant and Consultant's subcontractors shall retain all documents and records of their respective verification process for a period of five (5) years following completion of the contract.

Consultant agrees that the employee-number category designated below is applicable to Consultant. [Information only required if a contractor affidavit is required pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91.] [CHECK ONE]



500 or more employees. 100 or more employees.

Fewer than 100 employees.

Consultant hereby agrees that, in the event Consultant employs or contracts with any subcontractor(s) in connection with this Agreement and where the subcontractor is required to provide an affidavit pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, Consultant will secure from the subcontractor(s) such subcontractor(s') indication of the above employee-number category that is applicable to the subcontractor. The above requirements shall be in addition to the requirements of state and federal law, and shall be construed to be in conformity with those laws.

J. <u>Ethics Code; Conflict of Interest.</u> Consultant agrees that it shall not engage in any activity or conduct that would result in a violation of the City of Milton Code of Ethics or any other similar law or regulation. Consultant certifies that to the best of its knowledge no circumstances exist which will cause a conflict of interest in performing the Work. Consultant and City acknowledge that it is prohibited for any person to offer, give, or agree to give any City employee or official, or for any City employee or official to solicit, demand, accept, or agree to accept from another person, a gratuity of more than nominal value or rebate or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, or preparation of any part of a program requirement or a purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing, or in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter, pertaining to any program requirement or a contract or subcontract, or to any solicitation or proposal therefor. Consultant and City further acknowledge that it is prohibited for any payment, gratuity, or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a sub-consultant under a contract to the prime Consultant or higher tier sub-consultant, or any person associated therewith, as an inducement for the award of a subcontract or order.

K. <u>Confidentiality</u>. Consultant acknowledges that it may receive confidential information of City and that it will protect the confidentiality of any such confidential information and will require any of its subcontractors, consultants, and/or staff to likewise protect such confidential information.

L. <u>Authority to Contract.</u> The individual executing this Agreement on behalf of Consultant covenants and declares that it has obtained all necessary approvals of Consultant's board of directors, stockholders, general partners, limited partners or similar authorities to simultaneously execute and bind Consultant to the terms of this Agreement, if applicable.

M. <u>Ownership of Work.</u> All reports, designs, drawings, plans, specifications, schedules, work product and other materials, including, but not limited to, those in electronic form, prepared or in the process of being prepared for the Work to be performed by Consultant ("Materials") shall be the property of City, and City shall be entitled to full access and copies of all Materials in the form prescribed by City. Any and all copyrightable subject matter in all Materials is hereby assigned to City, and Consultant agrees to execute any additional documents that may be necessary to evidence such assignment.

N. <u>Nondiscrimination</u>. In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, section 303 of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6102, section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. § 12132, and all other provisions of Federal law, Consultant agrees that, during performance of this Agreement, Consultant, for itself, its assignees and successors in interest, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment, any subcontractor, or any supplier because of race, color, creed or belief,

political affiliation, national origin, gender, age or disability. In addition, Consultant agrees to comply with all applicable implementing regulations and shall include the provisions of this paragraph in every subcontract for services contemplated under this Agreement.

O. <u>Consultants Assisting with Procurement.</u> As required by O.C.G.A. § 36-80-28, if the Agreement requires the Consultant to prepare, develop, or draft specifications or requirements for a solicitation (including bids, requests for proposals, procurement orders, or purchase orders) or to serve in a consultative role during a bid or proposal evaluation or negotiation process: (a) the Consultant shall avoid any appearance of impropriety and shall follow all ethics and conflict-of-interest policies and procedures of the City; (b) the Consultant shall immediately disclose to the City any material transaction or relationship, including, but not limited to, that of the Consultant, the Consultant's employees, or the Consultant's agents or subsidiaries, that reasonably could be expected to give rise to a conflict of interest, including, but not limited to, past, present, or known prospective engagements, involvement in litigation or or relationship subsequently disclose any material transaction or relationship subsequently disclose red during the pendency of the Agreement; and (c) the Consultant agrees and acknowledges that any violation or threatened violation of this paragraph may cause irreparable injury to the City, entitling the City to seek injunctive relief in addition to all other legal remedies.

Section 7. <u>Miscellaneous.</u>

A. <u>Entire Agreement; Counterparts; Third Party Rights.</u> This Agreement, including any exhibits hereto, constitutes the complete agreement between the Parties and supersedes any and all other agreements, either oral or in writing, between the Parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument. This Agreement shall be exclusively for the benefit of the Parties and shall not provide any third parties with any remedy, claim, liability, reimbursement, cause of action or other right.

B. <u>Governing Law; Business License; Proper Execution.</u> This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia without regard to choice of law principles. Any action or suit related to this Agreement shall be brought in the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, or the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia – Atlanta Division, and Consultant submits to the jurisdiction and venue of such court. During the Term of this Agreement, Consultant shall maintain a business license with the City, unless Consultant provides evidence that no such license is required. Consultant agrees that it will perform all Work in accordance with the standard of care and quality ordinarily expected of competent professionals and in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws, regulations, codes, ordinances, or orders applicable to the Project, including, but not limited to, any applicable records retention requirements and Georgia's Open Records Act (O.C.G.A. § 50-18-71, *et seq.*).

C. <u>Captions and Severability.</u> All headings herein are intended for convenience and ease of reference purposes only and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or intent thereof, or of this Agreement, or in any way affect this Agreement.

D. <u>Notices.</u> All notices, requests, demands, writings, or correspondence, as required by this Agreement, shall be in writing and shall be deemed received, and shall be effective, when: (1) personally delivered, or (2) on the third day after the postmark date when mailed by certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, or (3) upon actual delivery when sent via national overnight commercial carrier to the Party at the address first given above or at a substitute address previously furnished to the other Party by written notice in accordance herewith.

E. <u>Waiver: Sovereign Immunity</u>. No express or implied waiver shall affect any term or condition other than the one specified in such waiver, and that one only for the time and manner specifically stated. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to be a waiver of City's sovereign immunity or any individual's qualified, good faith or official immunities.

F. Agreement Construction and Interpretation; Invalidity of Provisions; Severability. Consultant represents

that it has reviewed and become familiar with this Agreement and has notified City of any discrepancies, conflicts or errors herein. The Parties agree that, if an ambiguity or question of intent or interpretation arises, this Agreement is to be construed as if the Parties had drafted it jointly, as opposed to being construed against a Party because it was responsible for drafting one or more provisions of the Agreement. In the interest of brevity, the Agreement may omit modifying words such as "all" and "any" and articles such as "the" and "an," but the fact that a modifier or an article is absent from one statement and appears in another is not intended to affect the interpretation of either statement. Should any article(s) or section(s) of this Agreement, or any part thereof, later be deemed illegal, invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the offending portion of the Agreement should be severed, and the remainder of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect to the extent possible as if this Agreement had been executed with the invalid portion hereof eliminated, it being the intention of the Parties that they would have executed the remaining portion of this Agreement without including any such part, parts, or portions that may for any reason be hereafter declared invalid. Ratification of this Agreement by a majority of the Mayor and City Council shall authorize the Mayor to execute this Agreement on behalf of City.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, City and Consultant have executed this Agreement, effective as of the Effective Date first above written.

CONSULTANT: GEO-HYDRO ENGINEERS, INC.

Signature: ip Barb Print Name: \underline{V} [CIRCLE ONE] Title: President/Vice President (Corporation) [CORPORATE SEAL] (required if corporation) CFORE CHANNE **Attest/Witness:** Signature: Print Name: Brian logran Title: <u>Principa</u> (Assistant) Corporate Secretary (required if corporation)

CITY OF MILTON, GEORGIA

RATIFIED BY COUNCIL

By: Steven Krokoff, City Manager

By: Peyton Jamison, Mayor

[CITY SEAL]

Attest:

Signature:

Print Name: Title: City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Date

EXHIBIT "A"

GEO HYDRO ENGINEERS

Proposal to Perform Preliminary Subsurface Exploration and Geotechnical Engineering Evaluation

New Park Site 300 Deerfield Parkway Milton, Georgia Geo-Hydro Proposal Number 251070.P0 REV 1

Prepared for City of Milton January 21, 2025

January 21, 2025

Mr. Robert Dell-Ross, PE, PTOE, AICP City of Milton 2006 Heritage Walk Milton, Georgia 30004

> Proposal to Perform Preliminary Subsurface Exploration and Geotechnical Engineering Evaluation New Park Site 300 Deerfield Parkway Milton, Georgia Geo-Hydro Proposal Number 251070.P0 REV 1

Dear Mr. Dell-Ross:

Geo-Hydro Engineers, Inc. appreciates the opportunity to present this proposal to provide geotechnical engineering services for the above referenced project. Our understanding of the project is based on our email correspondence with you and our review of project documents provided to us by you.

We understand that the City of Milton is evaluating an approximately 21-acre parcel at 300 Deerfield Parkway for purchase and development as a new city park. At the time of this proposal, the project is in a conceptual phase and a potential site plan has not been developed.

The property is currently wooded. The ground surface generally slopes down from northwest to southeast with over 60 feet of vertical relief. The site topography includes two ridges and two drainage features. You have requested a limited subsurface exploration to evaluate excavation conditions along the ridges to aid in initial site design and planning.



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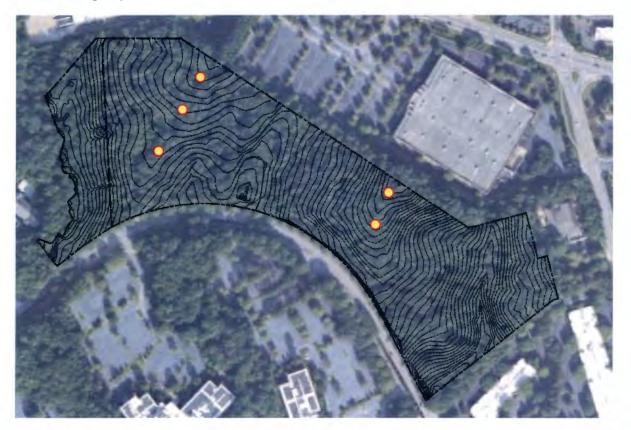


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An outline of the exploration is provided in the following sections.

SCOPE OF WORK

- 1. We will contact Georgia 811 for location of underground utilities. This is required by law. Also, we ask that the project team provide any available information regarding the location of all underground utilities in the work areas. Please see the attached *Underground Utilities Fact Sheet* for more information. Geo-Hydro will not be responsible for damage to unmarked underground utilities.
- 2. The site is currently heavily wooded. We will engage a loader and operator to clear access trails for our drilling equipment.
- **3.** We will perform five machine-drilled soil test borings at the approximate locations shown on the annotated site survey below. Boring location may be adjusted due to topography and access considerations. The borings will be extended to a planned depth of 30 feet or the depth of auger refusal, whichever occurs first. Standard penetration testing will be performed at select depth intervals in accordance with ASTM D1586 in each boring. Our lump sum fee allows for a total of **150** feet of soil test boring only.



4. If soft or loose subsoils are encountered, we will contact you and advise you regarding the need to perform additional work beyond the scope of the study outlined in these paragraphs. Additional work



beyond the scope of this proposal may include extension of the test borings, obtaining thin-walled tube samples, consolidation tests, triaxial modulus tests, or supplemental engineering services. The need for, and the type and quantity of, these services will be dependent on the subsurface conditions. Additional work will not be performed without authorization.

- 5. We will obtain groundwater readings at the time of the field exploration. The borings will be backfilled with soil cuttings upon completion and patched with concrete patch if appropriate.
- **6.** Samples from the field operation will be physically examined, and a visual classification will be assigned in accordance with the Unified Soil Classification System.
- 7. Test boring records will be prepared which provide penetration resistances, detailed soil descriptions, and groundwater conditions. Significant soil strata will be delineated, and partially weathered rock or auger refusal will be identified where encountered.
- **8.** We will prepare a preliminary engineering report outlining the results of the exploration. We will present evaluations and recommendations concerning anticipated excavation conditions, groundwater elevations and their impact on the planned development, the composition and consistency of any fill materials encountered in the borings, and recommendations for managing soft or loose soils, if encountered.

COST INFORMATION

Based on the Scope of Services outlined above, we will charge a lump sum fee of **\$9,600**. In the event that additional work is required beyond the outlined scope of services, we will notify you prior to commencing with any additional work. A fee for additional work will be negotiated.

We will backfill the borings with soil cuttings after completion, patch with asphalt as appropriate, and clean up the work areas. Our work may result in some rutting of the ground surface or damage to landscaping. Stabilization of access trails is not included in our lump sum fee. Additionally, our backfilled boreholes may present a tripping hazard after completion. We will make reasonable efforts to reduce the ground disturbance caused by the subsurface exploration, but periodic maintenance by the owner to relevel the ground may be necessary after completion of our work. Geo-Hydro will not be responsible for damage to persons or property related to ongoing settlement of the boreholes after completion of our work.

If landscape repairs or ground stabilization with straw or other erosion control are necessary, we will hire a landscaping or erosion control subcontractor. Landscape repair or stabilization work will be charged at our cost plus 15 percent.

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We are pleased to submit this proposal and look forward to the opportunity of working on this project. If this proposal is acceptable, we ask that you execute the attached agreement and return the original to us. If you have any questions concerning this proposal or any of our services, please call us.

Sincerely,

GEO-HYDRO ENGINEERS, INC.

A. Marty Peninger, P.E.

Georgia Geotechnical Manager mpeninger@geohydro.com

Brian K. Ingram, P.E. Georgia Operations Manager bingram@geohydro.com

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CLIENT CONTRACT (Signature Page)

PROJECT NAME: New	Park Site – 300 Deerfield Parkway			_
PROJECT LOCATION:	Milton, Georgia			
PROPOSAL NUMBER:	251070.P0 REV 1	DATE:	January 21, 2025	

This document memorializes the contractual understanding and agreement by and between Geo-Hydro Engineers, Inc. (*Geo-Hydro*) and the party as identified and defined below as "*Client*." Its content, along with the content of: (i) Client Terms & Conditions of Service issued and approved by Geo-Hydro, (ii) that certain proposal document involving the Project Name and Project Location identified above and with a Proposal Number and Proposal Date as identified above (the "*Proposal*"), and (iii) that and/or certain statement of work/s (*SOW*), project document/s, instruction document/s, and/or task order/s (each a "*Project Doc*") as are accepted and approved in writing by Geo-Hydro, constitute and comprise the terms, conditions and rights of the contractual agreement ("*Contract*") by and between Geo-Hydro and Client for the service project with the Project Name, Project Location, Proposal Number and Proposal Date as identified above (the "*Project*"), such Project Doc/s being the unique Contract for the Project.

By signing below, each party, acknowledges and agrees to the incorporation and applicability of, and to be bound by, this document, the Client Terms & Conditions of Service document, the Proposal, and each applicable Project Doc as the Contract for the Project. The "*Signature Date*" of this document is:

GEO-HYDRO ENGINEERS, INC. ("Geo-Hydro")	Client Name ("Client")
Signature of Authorized Geo-Hydro Agent	Signature of Authorized Agent
Agent Printed Name	Agent Printed Name
Agent Title	Agent Title
Client is to complete and provide following inform:	ation:
Billing Entity Name	-
Individual to Receive Invoices	
Email address	Phone No.
Street Address	
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A. CONTRACT

The provisions of this Terms & Conditions of Service document are incorporated as a part of that Client Contract ("signature page") document as well as that certain proposal document as identified on the signature page (the "Proposal") and/or that or those certain statement of work/s (SOW), project document/s and/or task order/s (each as "Project Doc") executed, accepted, and approved by Geo-Hydro Engineers. Inc. (Geo-Hydro) for each Geo-Hydro client Project. This document and all Project Docs that reference a unique Geo-Hydro client Project constitute and comprise a separate contractual agreement ("Contract") by and between Geo-Hydro and the other party Client to a Client Contract (signature page) document and such Project Docs.

B. GEO-HYDRO SERVICES

In consideration of Client: (i) paying Geo-Hydro in full all amounts due, (ii) providing Geo-Hydro and its representatives with access and information as they require, and (iii) complying otherwise with the terms and conditions of the Contract, and subject to the qualifications and limitations otherwise stated in this Contract, Geo-Hydro shall use commercially reasonable efforts to provide to Client the services ("Services") and deliverables ("Deliverables") as expressly set forth in the Proposal and each other applicable Project Doc that is in a writing executed by Geo-Hydro and Client so as to become a part of this Contract. Except to the extent otherwise expressly written as a part of the Contract, Services and Deliverables shall be provided in accordance with, and to, the standards established and determined by Geo-Hydro "Standard of Care" and shall not be required to exceed normal industry standards and specifications for the locale of the associated Geo-Hydro project for Client per the Contract. Nothing in this Contract limits or prevents Geo-Hydro from providing the same or similar services and/or deliverables to others. Geo-Hydro does not assume any responsibilities, duties, or obligations of Client or any other entity or individual. Geo-Hydro's performance shall not be considered to reduce, eliminate, abridge, or abrogate, any responsibilities, duties, or obligations of any other party. Geo-Hydro is not responsible for the design or construction of the project or the failure of any party to perform in accordance with the plans and specifications for the Projects or any of Geo-Hydro's recommendations or instructions.

C. FREEDOM TO REPORT.

It is contemplated that, during the course of its engagement. Geo-Hydro may be required to report on the past or current performance of others engaged, or being considered for engagement, directly or indirectly by Client and to render opinions and advice in that regard. Those about whom reports and opinions are rendered may, as a consequence, threaten. initiate, and//or bring claims, including (without limitation) for libel, slander and/or defamation, against Geo-Hydro and its present or former principals, officers, shareholders, directors, agents, representatives, subcontractors, successors, insurers, and attorneys (the "Geo-Hydro Representatives"). To help create an atmosphere in which Geo-Hydro's personnel feel free to express themselves candidly, Client agrees: (1) to waive any claim against the Geo-Hydro Representatives, and (2) to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Geo-Hydro Representatives from any threat or actual claim for injury. damage, breach, failure, liability, damage, fine, penalty. cost. expense, and/or loss (collectively such individually being a

"Claim" and collectively "Claims") arising from or related to the Contract, its subject matter, the Project, the content of the Reports, and/or the professional opinions rendered by Geo-Hydro Representatives. Client further agrees to compensate Geo-Hydro Representatives for any time spent, or expenses incurred, by Geo-Hydro Representatives in defense of any such Claim, with compensation to be paid in accordance with Geo-Hydro prevailing fee schedule and expense reimbursement policy. Client acknowledges that Client and/or Geo-Hydro may be required by local, state, and/or federal statute and/or regulations to report the discovery of conditions, occurrence of events, and/or existence of hazardous materials, and Client authorizes Geo-Hydro to do so as Geo-Hydro deems to be required or otherwise appropriate notwithstanding any confidentiality obligation or other restriction or limitation as may apply. Client waives any cause of action, claim, suit, or demand associated with Geo-Hydro's compliance with its duties to report as required by local, state, and/or federal laws and regulations, and Client shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Geo-Hydro Representatives for any failure on the part of Client or its representatives breach any duty or obligation to report as required by local, state, and/or federal laws and regulations and for any inaccuracy and/or omissions from reports filed that is attributable to the information, data, and access that Client made available to Geo-Hydro Representatives.

D. ACCESS, ENTRY & SAFETY

Client shall, among other things: (a) provide Geo-Hydro, and its representatives and equipment, with access to Client's properties, sites, facilities, equipment, and/or systems (collectives, "Sites") as may reasonably be required for the purposes of Geo-Hydro performing the Services and producing the Deliverables; (b) respond promptly to any Geo-Hydro request for information, materials and/or approvals, and timely obtain, provide and make available the same to Geo-Hydro and/or its designees, as Geo-Hydro requires to perform its obligations pursuant to this Contract. Additionally, Client agrees that in accordance with applicable laws, ordinances, and generally accepted construction practice, it will be solely and completely responsible for working conditions at. on and near Sites, which obligations includes (without limitation) compliance with OSHA regulations and safety otherwise of all persons and property. These requirements will apply continuously and are not limited to normal working hours. Any monitoring and/or reporting of procedures conducted by Geo-Hydro does not include review of the adequacy of the safety measures at, in, on, adjacent to, or near the Site.

(i) ENTRY.

As a result of Geo-Hydro, and its representatives and equipment, accessing, entering and/or performing Services at or on a Site, damage may occur. Geo-Hydro will use commercially reasonable efforts to endeavor to minimize damage to a Site: with Client acknowledging that the vary nature of the Services and Deliverable are expected to cause damages and agreeing that Geo-Hydro is not under any duty or responsibility whatsoever to restore the Site to its condition prior to performance of the Services or provision of the Deliverables. Unless otherwise expressly stated in a Project Doc. Geo-Hydro's scope of Service contains no provision for backfilling boreholes, test pits, or other exploration holes created to facilitate testing. Client further agrees to waive any Claim against Geo-Hydro Representatives, and to hold harmless, indemnify, and defend Geo-Hydro Representatives, for any Claim alleging injury or damage as a consequence of unfilled exploration holes on the Site or any other disturbance to natural conditions of or any improvements on the Site. Should any costs of restoration be determined to apply to Geo-Hydro, then the amount deemed to be due shall be added to the compensation Client is to pay Geo-Hydro using such price and terms as determined by Geo-Hydro.

(ii) FIELD MONITORING AND TESTING.

Whenever Geo-Hydro's personnel make on-site observations of materials and/or services provided by the Client or a contractor engaged by Client (the "Contractor"). Client agrees that Geo-Hydro is not responsible for the Client's or Contractor's means. methods, techniques, sequences or procedures of construction. Client acknowledges and agrees that the field services provided by Geo-Hydro shall not relieve the Contractor of its responsibilities for performing the work in accordance with the plans and specifications. The words "monitoring," "supervision," "inspection." or "control" mean the periodic observation of the work and the conducting of tests by Geo-Hydro to verify substantial compliance with the plans. specifications, and design concepts for the Project. Continuous or full-time monitoring does not mean that Geo-Hydro personnel are observing placement of all materials or that Geo-Hydro assumes any responsibility or liability for placing or directing placement of materials and Client shall indemnify Geo-Hydro for Claims relating to, or arising from, the placing or directing of the placement of, materials.

E. PAYMENTS

Client agrees to pay Geo-Hydro in full all amounts due on or before their due date, including (without limitation) those due for any Service or Deliverable. Time is of the essence regarding such payment of Geo-Hydro. Client shall be responsible for all sales, use, and excise taxes, as well as any other similar taxes. duties, and charges of any kind, imposed by any federal, state, or local governmental entity on the Contract. Services. Deliverables and/or amounts payable by Client to Geo-Hydro hereunder. Client's obligation to pay Geo-Hydro is not dependent upon Client's ability to obtain financing or the receipt of any approval of any governmental, regulatory agency. zoning board or other party or upon Client's successful completion of the Project. Geo-Hydro reserves the right to submit progress invoices to Client on a bi-monthly, monthly or milestone basis and a final invoice upon completion of Geo-Hydro's work. Each invoice is due and payable to Geo-Hydro. by Client, immediately upon presentation. All amounts due to Geo-Hydro and not paid within thirty (30) days of invoice presentation shall bear interest at the rate of eighteen percent (18%) per annum (or the maximum permissible rate allowed by law if such is less than 18%) until paid in full.

In addition to the amounts otherwise due per this Contract, and the interest due for past due amounts, Client shall pay Geo-Hydro for all Costs (as defined below) relating to a Legal Matter (as defined below) involving Client and Geo-Hydro. "Costs" are all amounts Geo-Hydro incurs to enforce its rights or Client's obligations as well as to defend its rights and itself from Claims made by Client or third parties, including (without limitation) the cost to Geo-Hydro for legal counsel, third-party collection agencies, and time spent by Geo-Hydro employees. "Legal Matters" are all actions taken that involve a contractual, tortious, fiduciary, or statutory subject matter, including (without limitation) demand letters, securitization of debts, lawsuits, administrative filings, arbitration, mediation, and/or other forms of judicial or administrative recourse or dispute resolution proceeding.

F. REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES & DISCLAIMER.

Each party represents and warrants to the other party that: (a) it has the full right, power, and authority to enter into the Contract, to grant the rights and licenses granted hereunder and to perform its obligations hereunder; and (b) when executed and delivered by such party, this Contract will constitute the legal, valid and binding obligation of such party, enforceable against such party in accordance with its terms. In the event that there is to be a some entity other than the Client that is to be billed by, and is to pay, Geo-Hydro (such other party being the "Billing Entity"). Client represents, warrants and covenants that: (i) it has a legally binding, express commitment in writing from such Billing Entity to accept and pay (as and when due) all amounts owed Geo-Hydro per the Contracts, and (ii) it guarantees the payment obligations of the Billing Entity and will immediately pay whatever amounts not fully paid to Geo-Hydro by the Billing Entity as due upon being given notice by Geo-Hydro that it has not rcceived payment in full from the Billing Entity for the amounts due but not paid by the Billing Entity. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE EXPRESSLY SET FORTH HEREIN, AND TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, GEO-HYDRO: (1) DISCLAIMS ALL WARRANTIES, WHETHER EXPRESS, IMPLIED. STATUTORY, OR OTHERWISE EXISTING WITH REGARD TO THIS CONTRACT OR ITS SUBJECT MATTER, AND (2) MAKES NO WARRANTIES, GUARANTEES, OR REPRESENTATIONS OF ANY KIND, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, UNDER THIS CONTRACT AND WITH RESPECT TO GEO-HYDRO'S ACTIONS, OMISSIONS, REPORTS, FINDINGS, OPINIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, DELIVERABLES, AND/OR SERVICES, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ANY IMPLIED WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY, TITLE, NON-INFRINGEMENT, AND/OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

G. EXISTING CONDITIONS.

Client agrees that subsurface explorations and geotechnical or environmental engineering evaluations are subject to naturally occurring and/or man-made soil and other conditions which cannot always be discovered or anticipated and that a potential exists for such phenomena to impact the Project in ways for which Geo-Hydro cannot be responsible. Client shall disclose, at least 7 days before any scheduled inspections by Geo-Hydro, the presence and location of all known man-made or naturally occurring objects which could be affected by or affect field tests or borings to be performed by Geo-Ilydro.

Client acknowledges and agrees that Geo-Hydro has neither created nor contributed to the creation or existence of any irritant, pollutant, or hazardous, radioactive, toxic, otherwise dangerous or harmful substance that may exist at the site, or dangerous conditions resulting therefrom. Client further acknowledges that Geo-Hydro's sole role is to provide a service intended to benefit Client and that Geo-Hydro is performing no function at or association with the site that would classify Geo-Hydro as a generator, disposer, treater, storer, coordinator, handler, or transporter of hazardous materials.

SURVEYING, SAMPLING & TESTING.

Unless otherwise stated, the fees in this proposal do not include costs associated with surveying of the site for the accurate horizontal and vertical locations of tests. Field tests described in a report or shown on sketches are based upon information furnished by others or estimates made in the field by Geo-Hydro's representatives. Such dimensions, depths or elevations should be considered as approximations unless otherwise stated. Geo-Hydro may employ sampling procedures during the course of the Project, with Client acknowledging that such procedures indicate actual conditions only at the precise locations and elevations from which samples were



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taken. Client further acknowledges that, in accordance with the generally accepted construction practice. Geo-Hydro shall make certain inferences based on the results of sampling and any related testing to form its opinion of conditions in areas beyond those from which samples were taken. Client acknowledges that despite proper implementation of sampling and testing procedures, and despite proper interpretation of their results, Geo-Hydro cannot, and does not, guarantee the existence or absence of conditions which it may infer to exist.

(ii) CONDITIONS & HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES.

Client agrees to advise Geo-Hydro, in writing, of any hazardous substances on or near the site prior to Geo-Hydro coming onto the site; provided, however, if the hazardous conditions arise after Geo-Hydro is engaged, then such notice shall be within 24 hours after Client learns about the presence of such hazardous substances. In the event that test samples obtained contain substances hazardous to health, safety, or the environment. these samples shall remain the property of the Client. Likewise, any equipment which becomes contaminated and cannot be reasonably decontaminated shall become the property and responsibility of Client. Such samples or equipment will be delivered to Client. Client agrees to pay transportation costs for samples and equipment and the fair market value of such contaminated equipment upon request. Exploratory activities may expose soil and/or ground water considered to be hazardous by local and/or state and/or federal agencies. Geo-Hydro agrees to contain such materials in a manner approved by Geo-Hydro both during and at the completion of Geo-Hydro's field activities. Client understands and agrees that Client, and not Geo-Hydro, is responsible for the storage or disposal of hazardous materials or suspected hazardous materials brought to the surface during Geo-Hydro's exploratory activities.

(iii) DISCOVERY OF UNANTICIPATED HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.

Hazardous materials may exist at a site where there is no reason to believe they could or should be present. Client agrees that the discovery of unanticipated hazardous materials constitutes a changed condition mandating a renegotiation of the scope of work or termination of services. Client also agrees that the discovery of unanticipated hazardous materials could make it necessary for Geo-Hydro to take immediate measures to protect human health, safety, or the environment. Geo-Hydro agrees to notify Client as soon as practically possible should unanticipated hazardous materials or suspected hazardous materials be encountered. Client encourages Geo-Hydro to take any and all measures that in Geo-Hydro's professional opinion are justified to preserve and protect the health and safety of Geo-Hydro's personnel, and Client agrees to compensate Geo-Hydro for the additional cost of such work. In addition, Client waives any Claim against Geo-Hydro, and agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold Geo-Hydro harmless from any Claim arising from Geo-Hydro's encountering of unanticipated hazardous materials or suspected hazardous materials. Client acknowledges that discovery of hazardous materials or suspected hazardous materials may lead to a temporary or permanent diminution of property value, and/or may cause delays in or otherwise affect completion of the real estate transaction Client now contemplates.

H. AQUIFER CONTAMINATION.

Subsurface sampling may result in unavoidable contamination of certain subsurface areas, as when a probe or boring device moves through a contaminated area, linking it to an aquifer, underground stream, or other hydrous body not previously contaminated and capable of spreading hazardous materials off-site. Because nothing can be done to eliminate the risk of such an occurrence, and when subsurface sampling is a part of the work which Geo-Hydro will perform on Client's behalf, Client hereby waives any Claim against Geo-Hydro, its officers, employees, subcontractors and other representatives ("Geo-Hydro Indemnitees"), and agrees to defend, indemnify and hold Geo-Hydro Indemnitees harmless from any Claim that may arise as a result of alleged cross-contamination caused by sampling. Client further agrees to compensate Geo-Hydro for any time spent or expenses incurred by Geo-Hydro in defense of such Claim, including, but not limited to, any attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by Geo-Hydro, in accordance with Geo-Hydro's prevailing fee schedule and expense reimbursement policy.

I. SAMPLES, DATA AND RECORDS.

Geo-Hydro shall be the sole owner of any and all data gathered by Geo-Hydro or its representative or reports prepared by Geo-Hydro. No entity or individual, other than Geo-Hydro, its representatives, or Client, may use or rely upon any data collected by Geo-Hydro or reports prepared by Geo-Hydro. Except as expressly set forth in this Contract, Geo-Hydro and Client do not intend the benefits of this Contract, including, but not limited to, the samples, data, and records created by Geo-Hydro, to inure to any third party, and nothing contained herein shall be construed as creating any right, claim or cause of action in favor of any such third party, against either Geo-Hydro or Client.

Routine test specimens will be discarded immediately upon completion of tests. Geo-Hydro shall retain drilling samples of soil or rock for a period of ninety (90) days following submission of Geo-Hydro's report to Client. If Client requests a longer period of storage, Geo-Hydro will retain test specimens or drilling samples for an agreed upon time period and fee. Records relating to services hereunder shall be maintained by Geo-Hydro for at least three (3) years following completion of Geo-Hydro's services.

J. TERMINATION.

Either party may terminate this Contract, or any Project Doc. either: (i) for convenience upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party, or (ii) for cause upon the failure of the other party to cure any material breach of this Contract by it within fifteen (15) days of receiving notice of said breach. Additionally, Geo-Hydro may suspend Services, stop Deliverables, and is to have its obligations per the Contract and each applicable Project Doc deferred and adjusted as such are impacted by the suspension and stop, without liability or consequence to Client or any third party in the event that Client fails to cure any breach of this Contract within three (3) days of knowing of such breach.

Upon termination, (1) all Project Docs for the Contract also terminate, (2) Client shall immediately pay Geo-Hydro in full for all amounts due or are to come due as a result of termination, and (3) Geo-Hydro's obligation to perform further Services or complete and provide Deliverables under this Contract end immediately.

Notwithstanding, in the event that Client requests termination and such request is prior to the completion of Geo-Hydro's work, Geo-Hydro reserves the right to complete such analysis and records as are necessary to place Geo-Hydro's files in order and to complete a report on the work performed to date, with Client to pay Geo-Hydro for such additional work Geo-Hydro's then-current hourly rates. Additionally,



Client acknowledges and agrees that the amount of damages that Geo-Hydro will sustain in the event Client terminates this Contract prior to Geo-Hydro's completion of its work required by the proposal and this Contract will be uncertain or difficult to ascertain. As such, Client agrees that in the event Client terminates this Contract prior to Geo-Hydro's completion of the work required by the proposal and this Contract, Client shall be liable to Geo-Hydro for liquidated damages in the amount equal to thirty-five percent (35%) of all charges incurred as of the date of Client's termination of the Contract (the "*Liquidated Damages*"). Client acknowledges and agrees that the foregoing Liquidated Damages do not represent a penalty, but rather. represent a good faith pre-estimation by the parties of the damages that would be incurred by Geo-Hydro.

K. INSURANCE.

Upon notice from a party to this Contract to the other party, the receiving Party will furnish, or have on file with the other party, Certificates of Insurance indicating the applicable insurance coverage and limits as may have in place that pertain to the Contract, its subject matter, and/or the Project.

Should Client and/or other entities require to be provided additional insured status on Geo-Hydro's General Liability Insurance, Auto Liability Insurance, and/or Umbrella/Excess insurance, those entities must be listed below at the time of signing of the contract:

Additional Insured Entities:

L. INDEMNIFICATION.

Client shall indemnify and hold harmless Geo-Hydro and its officers, directors, agents, and employees from any and all Claims, including, but not limited to, Geo-Hydro's attorneys' fees and costs, resulting from, relating to, or arising out of the following: (i) subsurface conditions, damage to subsurface structures, whether owned by Client or any third party, the presence or location of which were not revealed to Geo-Hydro by Client in writing at least 7 days prior to the commencement of Geo-Hydro's performance; (ii) any alleged cross-contamination caused by Geo-Hydro's sampling: (iii) unanticipated hazardous materials discovered during the course of Geo-Hydro's work; (iv) any damage to Geo-Hydro's equipment or personnel as a result of actions engaged in by the Contractor.

M. CONFIDENTIALITY.

All non-public, confidential or proprietary information of either party ("*Confidential Information*"), including, but not limited to, information about such party's business affairs, products, services, methodologies, confidential intellectual property, trade secrets, third-party confidential information, and other sensitive or proprietary information, disclosed by one party (the "*Disclosing Party*") to the other party (the "*Receiving Party*"), whether disclosed orally or disclosed or accessed in written. electronic, or other form or media, or otherwise learned by the Receiving Party in connection with this Contract is confidential, solely for use in performing this Contract and may not be disclosed or copied unless authorized by the Disclosing Party in writing. The Receiving Party shall protect and safeguard the confidentiality of the Disclosing Party's Confidential

Information with at least the same degree of care as the Receiving Party would protect its own Confidential Information, but in no event with less than a commercially reasonable degree of care. Confidential Information does not include any information that: (a) is or becomes generally available to the public other than as a result of the Receiving Party's breach of this Contract; (b) is obtained by the Receiving Party on a non-confidential basis from a third-party that was not legally or contractually restricted from disclosing such information; (c) the Receiving Party establishes by documentary evidence, was in its possession prior to the Disclosing Party's disclosure hereunder: or (d) was or is independently developed by the Receiving Party without using any of the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information. Additionally, the obligations and restrictions applicable to Confidential Information hereunder shall not apply in such instances where disclosure or use is required under applicable federal, state or local law, regulation or a valid order issued by a court or governmental agency of competent jurisdiction, which includes (without limitation) the use and disclosure of Confidential Information to provide notices required by law, regulation or ordinance or when complying with an order to provide information or data when such order is issued by a court, administrative agency, arbitrator, or other legitimate authority, or if disclosure is reasonably necessary for Geo-Hydro to defend itself from any legal action or claim. Either party may issue or release any announcement, statement, press release, or other publicity or marketing materials relating to this Contract, or otherwise use the other party's trademarks, service marks, trade names, logos, symbols, or brand names, in each case, without the prior written consent of (or any accounting to) the other party. When referencing this arrangements and subject matters of the Contract.

The Receiving Party shall be responsible for any breach of this Section caused by any of its employees, contractors, agents, or representatives. On the expiration or termination of the Contract, and at any time during or after the term of this Contract at the Disclosing Party's written request, the Receiving Party shall promptly return to the Disclosing Party all originals and copies, whether in written, digital or other form, the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information: provided, however, a Receiving Party may retain a copy of the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information (and non-confidential information and materials) to the extent, and it may require, to comply with applicable law, regulation, ordinance or order and/to perform its obligations and assert its rights as may arise from or relate to this Contract and its subject matter. Each party's obligations under this Section survive termination or expiration of this Contract.

N. NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICARIES.

This Contract is for the sole benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns and nothing herein, express or implied. is intended to or shall confer upon any other Person, which includes (without limitation) the Billing Entity, any legal or equitable right, benefit, or remedy of any nature whatsoever, under, or by reason of, this Contract. In the event that any third party, including (without limitation) the Billing Entity, makes any Claim against Geo-Hydro Indemnitees, Client shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless each of the Geo-Hydro Indemnities with regard to such Claims, including, but not limited to, Geo-Hydro's attorneys' fees and costs involving the Claims.

O. GOVERNING LAW; VENUE.

This Contract is to be governed by, and construed according to, the laws of the state in the USA where the Geo-Hydro project is located for which the services and deliverables are to be performed and provided, without reference to its conflicts-of-law rules of such state. Venue for any legal actions, claims, and/or disputes arising from the Contract or its subject matter, shall be in the state and superior courts



of Cobb County, Georgia and the Federal Courts for the Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta division.

Should a dispute arise.

(1) Geo-Hydro may elect to suspend its performance of this Contract without liability or consequence pending final resolution of any request for relief, cure, claim, appeal, modification, dispute, or action arising from this Contract, with all dates and deadlines per the Contract being tolled for the period that the Contract is suspended plus such number of additional days as Geo-Hydro determines it will reasonably require as a result of the suspension.

(2) Either party may request that each party have am authorized representative(s) conference or meet as soon as conveniently possible, but in no case later than thirty (30) days after such a request is made, to attempt to resolve such dispute or disagreement. Within three (3) days prior to such conference or meeting between the representatives, the parties will exchange relevant information that will assist the parties to discuss resolving their dispute.

(3) If within fifteen (15) days, or such other period as both parties expressly agree upon in writing, after the meeting of authorized representatives the parties have not resolved the dispute on terms satisfactory to both parties, the parties shall submit within thirty (30) days of such period expiring the dispute or disagreement to non-binding mediation. The mediation shall be conducted by a mutually agreeable impartial mediator, or if the parties cannot so agree, a mediator designated by the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") pursuant to its Construction Industry Mediation Rules, with such rules to govern the mediation. Venue for such mediation shall be in Cobb County, GA at the law offices of Geo-Hydro.

(4) In the event that the parties do not resolve the dispute at mediation and such resolution is not memorialized in a writing executed by both parties, then either party may initiate litigation with regard to the dispute in the Contract's designated Venue

P. SEVERANCE; SURVIVAL.

If any provision of this Contract is held to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable under any present or future law, and if the rights or obligations of any party hereto under this Contract will not be materially and adversely affected thereby. (a) such provision will be fully severable. (b) this Contract will be construed and enforced as if such illegal, invalid, or unenforceable provision had never comprised a part hereof, (c) the remaining provisions of this Contract will remain in full force and effect and will not be affected by the illegal, invalid, or unenforceable provision or by its severance here from and (d) in lieu of such illegal, invalid or unenforceable provision, there will be added automatically as a part of this Contract a legal, valid, and enforceable provision as similar in terms to such illegal, invalid, or unenforceable provision as may be possible.

Q. NOTICES.

All notices, requests, consents, claims, demands, waivers, and other communications hereunder (each, a "*Notice*") shall be in writing and addressed to the parties at the addresses set forth on the signature page of this Contract (or to such other address that may be designated by the receiving party from time to time in accordance with this Section). All Notices shall be delivered by personal delivery, nationally recognized overnight courier (with all fees pre-paid), or email (with confirmation of transmission) or certified or registered mail (in each case, return receipt requested, postage pre-paid). Except as otherwise provided in this Contract, a Notice is effective only (a) upon receipt by the receiving party; and (b) if the party giving the Notice has complied with the requirements of this Section.

R. FORCE MAJEURE.

Except for any obligations to make payments to the other party hercunder, no party shall be liable or responsible to the other party, nor be deemed to have defaulted under or breached this Contract, for any failure or delay in fulfilling or performing any term of this Contract, when and to the extent such failure or delay is caused by, or results from, events outside of the party's reasonable control ("Force Majeure Events"), including but not limited to: (a) acts of God; (b) flood. rain, water, fire, smoke, earthquake, hurricane, storm, wind, tornado or some form of other natural event or disaster, (c) war, invasion, explosions, hostilities (whether war is declared or not), terrorist threats or acts, riot, or other civil unrest; (d) government order or law; (e) actions, embargoes, or blockades in effect on or after the date of this Contract; (f) action by any governmental authority; (g) national or regional emergency; (h) strikes, labor stoppages or slowdowns or other industrial disturbances: (i) epidemic, pandemic or other form of healthcare concern or hazardous condition; and (i) shortage of adequate power or transportation facilities. The affected party shall resume performance under this Contract as soon as reasonably practicable after the Force Majeure Event has been resolved or terminated.

S. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY.

All reports, documents and other materials prepared or furnished by Geo-Hydro pursuant to the Contract are instruments of Geo-Hydro's Services, with Geo-Hydro exclusively retaining ownership and all property interest therein as well as exclusive ownership in, under and to all Intellectual Property Rights in the same as well as in all data, know-how, methodologies, software, and other materials provided by or used by Geo-Hydro in performing the Services and developed or acquired by the Geo-Hydro prior to, as a result of, or after the Contract (collectively, "Geo-Hydro Materials"). Upon payment in full for the Services rendered and Deliverables prepared or provided, Geo-Hydro grants Client a limited, revocable, non-transferable, nonsublicensable, non-exclusive license to use, display, reproduce, such Geo-Hydro Materials to the extent incorporated in, or otherwise necessary for, the use of the Deliverables for their intended purpose with the Project. All other rights in and to the Geo-Hydro Materials are expressly reserved by Geo-Hydro. For the purposes of this Contract. "Intellectual property Rights" mean any and all rights in, to and under copyrights, patents, patent disclosures and inventions (whether patentable or not), trademarks, service marks, trade secrets, know-how, and other confidential information, trade dress, trade names, logos, corporate names and domain names and other forms of intellectual property rights, together with all of the goodwill associated therewith, derivative works and all other rights. Reuse, misuse. unintended use, distribution or modification of any such Geo-Hydro Materials by Client, without Geo-Hydro's express, prior, written permission, is at Client's sole risk, with Client to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Geo-Hydro Indemnities from all Claims, including (without limitation) attorneys' fees and legal costs, arising out of such reuse, misuses, unintended use, distribution or modification by Client or by others acting through Client.

T. <u>LIMITATION & EXCLUSIONS OF LIABILITY</u>.

GEO-HYDRO SERVICES AND DELIVERABLES PER THE CONTRACT ARE EXCLUSIVELY PROVIDED ONLY TO. AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF. CLIENT AND MAY NOT BE RELIED UPON. OR ENFORCED BY. ANY OTHER PARTY. GEO-HYDRO SHALL NOT BE LIABLE TO CLIENT. OR ANY OTHER PARTY.



FOR ANY INJURIES OR DAMAGES THAT MAY OCCUR FOR GEO-HYDRO'S NOT PERFORMING SERVICES THAT WERE NOT EXPRESSLY INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSAL OR PROJECT DOCS PARTICULAR TO THE CONTRACT. EXCEPT FOR OBLIGATIONS TO MAKE PAYMENT. INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATIONS. LIABILITY FOR BREACH AND/OR OF CONFIDENTIALITY, IN NO EVENT WILL GEO-HYDRO BE LIABLE TO THE CLIENT FOR: (A) ANY LOSS OF USE. DATA. REVENUE, OR PROFIT OR FOR ANY INDIRECT. CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL, EXEMPLARY, SPECIAL, OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES WHETHER ARISING OUT OF BREACH OF CONTRACT. TORT (INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE) OR OTHERWISE. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH DAMAGE WAS FORESEEABLE AND WHETHER OR NOT SUCH PARTY HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES: OR (B) DIRECT DAMAGES OF MORE THAN THE GREATER OF: (I) AN AGGREGATE OF \$50,000.00. AND (II) THE AMOUNT OF THE TOTAL FEE PAID TO GEO-HYDRO IN THE SIX (6) MONTH PERIOD PRECEDING THE EVENT GIVING RISE TO THE CLAIM.

U. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS.

The parties are independent contractors, and nothing contained in this Contract shall be construed as creating any agency, partnership, joint venture or other form of joint enterprise, employment, or fiduciary relationship between them. Neither party shall be authorized to contract for or bind the other party in any manner whatsoever.

V. SIGNATURES.

By having executed the signature page associated with this document, or by having executed any Project Doc that expressly references and incorporates this document as part of a Contract, this document, and the Proposal and any applicable written, executed Project Docs that reference this document. constitutes the entire, and fully integrated, Contract by and between Client and Geo-Hydro regarding its subject matter, and it supersedes all other prior and contemporaneous negotiations, representations, arrangements. agreements, and understandings, whether written or oral with regard to such subject matter except to the extent otherwise expressly noted in this Contract. This Contract may not be modified, altered, or amended except in a subsequent written instrument executed by each of the parties which refers to this Contract and specifies the amendment made. No waiver of any breach of this Contract shall be deemed or considered a waiver of any other or subsequent breach. Paragraph headings are used to facilitate reference to the various provisions and do not affect the meaning or construction of any provision. This Contract binds. and the benefits hereunder inure to, the respective parties, their legal representatives, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns. The parties hereto have executed this Contract as of the dates shown below, and it may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute together one and the same document.



Fact Sheet Underground Utilities

Geo-Hydro's work often includes drilling below the ground surface to evaluate subsurface materials. One of our biggest concerns is that we may accidentally encounter underground utilities which may create a safety hazard for our personnel and others or result in a loss of service. Location of underground utilities prior to our work is important to all parties. Unfortunately, location of underground utilities is a difficult task, and accurate location of underground utilities is often not possible.

Geo-Hydro is required by Georgia law to contact the Utilities Protection Center (UPC) prior to drilling. The UPC requires at least 72 hours prior notification. The UPC contacts member utilities, and the member utilities dispatch utility locators. Normally the utility locators will not locate underground utilities on private property, and will only locate utilities from the main service line to the property owner's meter. It is not uncommon for utility locators to improperly locate underground utilities for a variety of reasons.

Geo-Hydro requires that the property owner provide clearly marked locations on the ground of any underground utilities in the work area. If necessary, Geo-Hydro can refer the owner to companies that provide underground utility location services. Alternatively, Geo-Hydro can hire the utility location company and pass this cost through to our client.

Private underground utility location companies do not guarantee that they have located all underground utilities or that underground utilities have been accurately located. In fact, some underground utilities (e.g., irrigation lines, non-metallic lines, etc.) simply cannot be located using non-destructive techniques.

Geo-Hydro will make reasonable efforts to avoid damaging underground utilities that are clearly marked in the field. Due to the uncertainties of locating underground utilities, Geo-Hydro cannot be responsible for damage to unmarked underground utilities. Since Geo-Hydro's work is being performed for the benefit of its client, the client must accept the risk that Geo-Hydro's work could result in damage to underground utilities. As such, it is ordinarily the responsibility of Geo-Hydro's client to accept the responsibility for repairing damage to unmarked underground utilities unless that responsibility has clearly been transferred to another party.



EXHIBIT "B"



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

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Kennesaw GA 30144		INSURER E :					
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EXHIBIT "C"

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CONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT AND AGREEMENT

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned contractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm, or corporation which is engaged in the physical performance of services on behalf of the City of Milton, Georgia has registered with, is authorized to use and uses the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, or any subsequent replacement program, in accordance with the applicable provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91. Furthermore, the undersigned contractor will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period and the undersigned contractor will contract for the physical performance of services in satisfaction of such contract only with subcontractors who present an affidavit to the contractor with the information required by O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b).

Contractor hereby attests that its federal work authorization user identification number and date of authorization are as follows:

049.10310 Federal Work Authorization User Identification Number

8-1-2007

Date of Authorization

Geo-Hydro Engineers, Inc. Name of Contractor

Preliminary Subsurface Exploration and Geotechnical Engineering Evaluation - 300 Deerfield Parkway Name of Project

City of Milton, Georgia Name of Public Employer I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 6, 2025 in Kennesaw (city), DA (state).

Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent

Philip Barber, CEO Printed Name and Title of Authorized Officer or Agent

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EXHIBIT "D"

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SUBCONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned subcontractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm or corporation which is engaged in the physical performance of services under a contract with Geo-Hydro Engineers, Inc. on behalf of the City of Milton, Georgia has registered with, is authorized to use and uses the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, or any subsequent replacement program, in accordance with the applicable provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91. Furthermore, the undersigned subcontractor will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period, and the undersigned subcontractor will contract for the physical performance of services in satisfaction of such contract only with sub-subcontractors who present an affidavit to the subcontractor with the information required by O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b). Additionally, the undersigned subcontractor will forward notice of the receipt of an affidavit from a sub-subcontractor to the contractor within five (5) business days of receipt. If the undersigned subcontractor receives notice that a sub-subcontractor has received an affidavit from any other contracted sub-subcontractor, the undersigned subcontractor must forward, within five (5) business days of receipt, a copy of the notice to the contractor.

Subcontractor hereby attests that its federal work authorization user identification number and date of authorization are as follows:

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Federal Number

Date of Authorization

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Preliminary Subsurface Exploration and Geotechnical Engineering Evaluation - 300 Dectfield Parkway Name of Project

City of Milton, Georgia Name of Public Employer I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on <u>Fc-10</u>, 2025 in Cartusuille (city). CA (state).

Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent

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