



January 21, 2025

Mr. Phillip Grooms, City Manager
City of Mount Pleasant
100 Public Square
Mount Pleasant, TN 38474

Dear Mr. Grooms:

Subject: Proposal for Professional Engineering Services
Stormwater Utility Implementation
City of Mount Pleasant, Maury County, Tennessee
CEC Project 350-252

Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. (CEC) is pleased to submit this proposal to the City of Mount Pleasant (City) as discussed and requested. Our preparation of this proposal is based on continued discussions with the City pertaining to the need for the City to have a stormwater utility.

1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this project is to develop a stormwater utility for the City of Mount Pleasant to be used as a funding mechanism for improvements to be made to the existing stormwater infrastructure and prepare for meeting the potential future requirements of becoming a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4).

2.0 BACKGROUND & ASSUMPTIONS

CEC understands the City desires to make improvements to the existing stormwater infrastructure, and the City needs for a funding source to fund the projects.

The City has provided CEC with the current number of residential, commercial, and industrial water and sewer customers within the city limits as a starting point for estimating the number of users who would pay into a stormwater utility.

CEC is preparing planning level opinions of probable construction costs for various stormwater improvement projects throughout the City compiled after completing a watershed analysis of the existing stormwater infrastructure.

For the purposes of the proposal, CEC assumes the following:

- The City will provide additional data, if available, pertaining to current water and sewer customers within the city limits.
- CEC will use the MTAS model stormwater utility ordinance as a template to develop the ordinance.
- Review of the current subdivision and/or zoning regulations for possible conflicts with the proposed stormwater utility ordinance is excluded from CEC's scope of services and will be performed by the City.

3.0 SCOPE OF SERVICES

3.1 Task 0001 – Stormwater Utility

CEC will perform the following services:

- CEC will schedule a kickoff meeting with the City to discuss the project approach and provide the City with a comparison of stormwater user fee rates from surrounding municipalities.
- CEC will use desktop and online ESRI products, including ArcGIS Pro and ArcGIS Enterprise, to estimate the impervious areas. CEC will use that data to develop an equivalent residential unit (ERU) upon which to base a user fee structure.
- CEC will prepare a list of anticipated planning-level costs of programmatic elements. The responsibilities of a stormwater management program to consider will be discussed in the kick-off meeting.
- CEC will prepare cash-flow projections based on the stormwater user fee schedule developed.
- CEC will prepare up to three funding scenarios demonstrating user fee funding and expenditures.
- CEC will develop a draft stormwater utility ordinance modeled after the Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) model stormwater utility ordinance. Other stormwater utility ordinances with which CEC has helped develop or is familiar with may also be used as resources for the development of the ordinance.

- CEC will participate in up to four (4) in-person meetings with the City, one being the kick-off meeting discussed above, to discuss the proposed utility and process of implementation to receive feedback. CEC will incorporate feedback into the final deliverables.
- CEC will participate in up to four (4) public meetings.

Deliverables:

- A narrative report (PDF format) summarizing the analysis and discussing the proposed ERU and associated fee.
- A draft stormwater utility ordinance.
- GIS products collected for the analysis conveying impervious areas on parcels. The intent of these products is to help with communicating to the elected officials and general public should the City determine to hold a public meeting to consider the findings and recommendations of the report. CEC will participate in public meetings to help present and answer questions.
- A five-year plan including timeline and guide for periodic fee increases to meet budgetary needs to fund capital improvement projects.

4.0 COST AND SCHEDULE

Based on our understanding of the project and the proposed scope of services described above, CEC proposes to perform the work for an estimated fee of **\$57,000**. Invoicing of professional services will be at 2.0 times labor cost and will not exceed the estimated fee without authorization from the City of Mount Pleasant. A Technology and Office Service Fee, equivalent to 3% of profession fees, will be added to each invoice for project expenses associated with software, computer technology, and incidental office expenses. Reimbursable expenses, including subcontracted services, will be invoiced at cost, plus a 10% administrative fee.

CEC's Schedule of Terms and Conditions which govern the proposed work are attached. CEC's Proposal is valid for thirty (30) days from the date of the proposal, after which time the validity may only be extended with CEC's consent. CEC reserves the right to revise, adjust or withdraw this Proposal if not accepted by the City within thirty (30) days of the date of the proposal. Your written acceptance below will form a binding contract pursuant to the attached Terms and Conditions. The individual signing below warrants that they have authority to sign and execute this Agreement on behalf of the City.

CEC can begin work within one month of receiving written notice to proceed and anticipates it will take six months to complete. CEC will work with the City to determine a schedule and complete the stormwater utility formation once Notice to Proceed is received.

5.0 CLOSING

CEC appreciates the opportunity to submit this proposal to the City of Mount Pleasant. We believe the scope of services outlined will address the City’s needs in a timely and cost-effective manner. If you have any questions or comments, please call us at (615) 333-7797, or by email at jjthornton@cecinc.com.

Sincerely,

CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS, INC.



JJ Thornton, P.E.
Project Manager



Jeffrey B. Shaver, P.E., CFM, CPESC
Principal

Enclosure: Terms and Conditions

CEC Project 350-252, dated January 21, 2025
ACCEPTED BY: The City of Mount Pleasant

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____



1. AGREEMENT

The following terms and conditions ("TERMS") shall apply to and are an integral part of the attached proposal ("PROPOSAL") between Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. ("CEC") and the client ("CLIENT") named in the attached PROPOSAL. CLIENT's acceptance of the PROPOSAL includes acceptance of these TERMS and acceptance of this PROPOSAL shall form the entire agreement between the parties ("AGREEMENT"). In the event of a conflict or inconsistency between these TERMS and the PROPOSAL, these TERMS shall take precedence. Acceptance of the AGREEMENT by CLIENT will occur when CLIENT directs CEC, orally or in writing, to commence performance of its services.

2. STANDARD OF CARE

CEC shall perform its services consistent with the professional skill and care ordinarily provided by professionals, such as CEC, practicing in the same or similar locality under the same or similar circumstances and in effect at the time of performance. CEC provides no warranties or guarantees whether express or implied.

3. SITE ACCESS, SITE CONDITIONS AND SUBSURFACE FEATURES

CLIENT will grant or obtain free access to the site for all equipment and personnel for CEC to perform the services set forth in this AGREEMENT. CEC will take reasonable precautions to limit damage to the site, but it is understood by CLIENT that, in the normal course of the services, some damage may occur and the correction of such damage is not part of this AGREEMENT unless so specified in the PROPOSAL.

The CLIENT is responsible for the accuracy of locations for all subsurface structures and utilities. CEC will take reasonable precautions to avoid known subsurface structures, and the CLIENT waives any claim against CEC, and agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold CEC harmless from any claim or liability for injury or loss, including costs of defense, arising from damage done to subsurface structures and utilities not identified or accurately located. In addition, CLIENT agrees to reimburse CEC for time and expenses incurred by CEC in defense of any such claim based upon CEC's current fee schedule and expense reimbursement policy.

CEC may, but is not required to, undertake an investigation to locate any utilities, structures or materials as CEC deems prudent. Such investigation by CEC shall not impose any additional obligation or liabilities on CEC and CLIENT agrees that such investigation, if undertaken, is for CEC's convenience only.

The CLIENT recognizes that subsurface conditions may vary from those observed at locations where borings, surveys, or explorations are made, and that site conditions may change with time. Data, interpretation, and recommendations by CEC will be based solely on information available to CEC. CEC is responsible for the data, interpretations, and recommendations based on its services, but will not be responsible for other parties' interpretations or use of the information developed.

4. BIOLOGICAL POLLUTANTS, HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS

CLIENT warrants that a reasonable effort to investigate and inform CEC of known or suspected Biological Pollutants, Hazardous Materials and hazardous conditions on or near the site has been made by the CLIENT. The term "Biological Pollutants" includes, but is not limited to, molds, fungi, spores, bacteria, and viruses, and the by-product of any such biological organisms. The term "Hazardous Materials" shall mean any toxic substances, chemicals, pollutants, or other materials, in whatever form or state, including but not limited to smoke, vapors, soot, fumes, acids, alkalis, minerals, toxic chemicals, liquids, gases or any other material, irritant, contaminant or pollutant, that is known or suspected to adversely affect the health and safety of humans or of animal or plant organisms, or which are known or suspected to impair the environment in any way whatsoever. Hazardous Materials shall also include, but not be limited to, those substances defined, designated, or listed in Section 404 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 USC Subsection 6903); Section 9601(14) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (42 USC Subsection 9601(14)); as listed or designated under Sections 1317 and 1321(b)(2)(a) of the Title 33 (33 USC Subsections 1317 and 1321(b)(2)(a)); or as defined, designated, or listed under any other federal, state, or local law, regulation or ordinance concerning hazardous wastes, toxic substances, or pollutants.

CEC and CLIENT agree that when unanticipated or suspected Biological Pollutants, Hazardous Materials and/or hazardous conditions are encountered it may be necessary for CEC to take immediate measures to protect health and safety. CEC agrees to immediately notify CLIENT when unanticipated or suspected Biological Pollutants, Hazardous Materials and/or hazardous conditions are encountered. CLIENT agrees to make any disclosures required by law to the appropriate governing agencies. In the event the site is not owned by CLIENT, CLIENT recognizes that it is the CLIENT's responsibility to inform the property owner of the discovery of unanticipated or suspected Biological Pollutants, Hazardous Materials and/or hazardous conditions.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the AGREEMENT, CLIENT waives any claim against CEC, and to the maximum extent permitted by law, agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold CEC harmless from any claim, liability, and/or defense costs for injury or loss arising from CEC's discovery of unanticipated or suspected Biological Pollutants, Hazardous Materials and/or hazardous conditions. CLIENT will be responsible for ultimate disposal of any samples secured by CEC which are found to be contaminated with Biological Pollutants and/or Hazardous Materials.

Nothing contained in this AGREEMENT shall be construed or interpreted as requiring CEC to assume liability for the generation, transportation, treatment, storage and/or disposal of hazardous waste within the meaning of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, as amended, or within the meaning of any similar federal, state, or local regulation or law.

If during remediation and/or construction activities waste manifests are required, CLIENT shall provide an authorized person to sign manifests or will provide CEC with a written limited power of attorney or agency agreement to sign manifests on CLIENT'S behalf.

5. EVOLVING TECHNOLOGIES

Services such as those provided by CEC may involve technologies which are new or emerging and these technologies may supersede current techniques. In addition, standards for our services, including statutes and regulations, may change with time. CLIENT understands that CEC's recommendations and/or services must be based upon the current Standard of Care utilizing established technologies and standards excluding new or emerging technologies unless agreed to by both parties in writing.

6. SAMPLE DISPOSAL

CEC will provide storage for samples collected for sixty (60) days. Further storage or transfer of samples can be made at CLIENT's expense and upon prior written request.

7. SAFETY/CONSTRUCTION OBSERVATION

CLIENT, its contractor or other representatives shall be solely responsible for working conditions on the site, including compliance with OSHA regulations and safety of all persons and property during the performance of the work. CEC will not be responsible for means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures of construction including, but not limited to safety.

If CEC is retained by the CLIENT to provide a site representative for the purpose of observing specific portions of any construction work as set forth in the PROPOSAL, CEC will report observations and professional opinions. CEC's presence on the site does not in any way guarantee the completion or quality of the performance of the work by any party retained by the CLIENT to provide construction related services. CEC does not have the duty to reject or stop work of CLIENT or its agents unless contractually obligated.

8. BILLING AND PAYMENTS

8.1. General: Invoices will be submitted in accordance with the provisions outlined in the PROPOSAL. Payment is due from CLIENT thirty (30) days from the invoice date. If a retainer or pre-payment is required by the PROPOSAL, payment must be received by CEC prior to commencement of services. Payment shall be made as follows:

Electronic Payment:
PNC Bank, Pittsburgh, PA 15222
PNC Bank Routing #043000096
CEC Account #2272405
SWIFT & BIC Code: PNCCUS33
Remittance Detail: accountsreceivable@cecinc.com

Lockbox (regular mail):



Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc.
P.O. Box 644246
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-4246

Any retainer shall be applied to the final invoice and unused funds, if any, returned to CLIENT. In the event CLIENT fails to pay CEC within thirty (30) days of invoice, CLIENT agrees that CEC will have the right to suspend performance of services after written notice to CLIENT. CEC will be entitled to interest of one and one half percent (1.5%) per month for past due amounts. CEC will be entitled to collect for time and expenses (per CEC's current fee schedules), attorneys' fees and other costs incurred by CEC for collection of past due amounts.

Our PROPOSAL does not include gross receipts taxes, business or occupation taxes or assessments that the municipality where the project is located may assess upon CEC or its subcontractors. If such taxes are or become a liability of CEC, the CLIENT agrees to reimburse CEC at cost.

8.2. Reimbursable Expenses: Direct non-salary expenses (e.g. Travel, Equipment, Subcontractors/Vendors) will be billed according to the terms of our PROPOSAL.

8.3. Litigation Services: If litigation services are not part of the PROPOSAL to which these TERMS are attached and are requested by CLIENT, the scope and fee schedule for the requested litigation services will be identified in a separate PROPOSAL. CLIENT shall reimburse CEC for costs incurred in responding to subpoenas or other legal requests related to the services provided by CEC under this AGREEMENT.

8.4. Design Build: If CLIENT requests CEC to perform design-build services, such services will be performed in accordance with separate TERMS and a PROPOSAL for such design-build services.

9. CHANGES

9.1. Changes: Upon a change in CEC's scope of services or discovery of unforeseen conditions, or any direction or instruction outside of the PROPOSAL, CEC will provide CLIENT with the estimated cost of performing the change and any change in the AGREEMENT schedule. Prior to CEC being required to implement the change, CLIENT shall authorize the requested change either verbally or in writing amending the AGREEMENT price and schedule.

9.2. Unauthorized Changes: If changes are made in CEC work products by CLIENT or persons other than CEC, any and all liability against CEC arising out of such changes is waived and CLIENT assumes full responsibility for such changes unless CLIENT has given us prior notice and has received written consent from CEC for such changes.

10. DELAYS

Delays not due to CEC shall result in an extension of the schedule equivalent to the length of delay. If such delays result in additional costs to CEC, the AGREEMENT price shall be equitably adjusted by the amount of such additional costs.

11. INSURANCE

CEC will maintain Workmen's Compensation Insurance as required by state law, General Liability Insurance for bodily injury and property damage with a limit of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and an aggregate limit of \$2,000,000 and Automobile Liability with a limit of \$1,000,000. Professional liability will be provided with a limit of \$1,000,000 per claim and \$1,000,000 in the aggregate, if applicable. CLIENT and/or the property owner will be listed as additional insured for General Liability Insurance upon CLIENT's written request.

12. ALLOCATION OF RISK

12.1. Limitation of Remedies: CLIENT agrees to limit CEC's liability for any claim arising from, or alleged to arise from any acts, errors or omissions in the performance of services under this AGREEMENT, whether such claim is based in negligence, breach of contract, or other legal theory to an aggregate limit of the amount of fees paid to CEC under this AGREEMENT, or \$50,000, whichever is greater, except for CEC's willful misconduct or gross negligence.

12.2. Waiver of Consequential Damages: CEC and CLIENT agree to waive any claim against each other for consequential, incidental, special or punitive damages.

12.3. Indemnification: CEC shall indemnify and hold harmless CLIENT from and against any and all claims, damages, or liability to the extent caused by the negligent performance of services under this AGREEMENT by CEC, including injuries to employees of CEC.

13. TERMINATION

This AGREEMENT may be terminated by either party seven (7) days after written notice: i) in the event of breach of any provision of this AGREEMENT; ii) if the CLIENT suspends the work for more than three (3) months in the aggregate; or iii) for CLIENT or CEC's convenience. In the event of termination for suspension or convenience, CEC will be paid for services performed prior to the date of termination plus reasonable termination and demobilization expenses, including, but not limited to the cost of completing analyses, records and reports necessary to document job status at the time of termination.

14. GOVERNING LAW

The law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will govern the validity of these TERMS and the AGREEMENT, their interpretation and performance. If any of the provisions contained in these TERMS and the AGREEMENT are held illegal, invalid, or unenforceable, the enforceability of the remaining provisions will not be impaired.

15. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

15.1. Notice of Dispute: Within fifteen (15) days of the occurrence of any incident, act, or omission upon which a claim for relief may be based, the party seeking relief shall serve the other party with a written notice specifying the nature of the relief sought, the amount of relief sought, a description of the reason relief should be granted, and the provisions of this AGREEMENT that authorize the relief requested.

15.2. Meet and Confer: Within ten (10) days of receipt of the Notice of Dispute, the parties shall meet and confer in a good faith attempt to resolve the dispute. Participants in the meet and confer must have the authority to enter into a binding resolution on behalf of each party.

15.3. Jurisdiction and Venue: After completion of the meet and confer, either party may proceed to litigation. CEC and CLIENT agree that any court of record in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, shall have the exclusive jurisdiction and venue over any claims relating to or arising under this AGREEMENT.

15.4. Waiver of Jury Trial: THE PARTIES AGREE AND IRREVOCABLY WAIVE THEIR RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY ACTION, DISPUTE, PROCEEDING OR SUIT RELATING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE PROJECT.

16. ASSIGNMENT

CLIENT and CEC each binds itself and its successors and assigns to the other and its successors and assigns with respect to all covenants of this AGREEMENT. Neither CLIENT nor CEC shall assign, sublet or transfer any rights under or interest in this AGREEMENT without the prior written consent of the other party. This section shall not, however, apply to subrogation rights (if any) of any insurer of either party.

17. OWNERSHIP

CEC shall have title to all drawings, specifications or other documents ("WORK PRODUCT") furnished to CLIENT and intended for use in connection with projects under this AGREEMENT. CLIENT is granted a limited license to use and reproduce the WORK PRODUCT prepared by CEC for use in the execution of the project(s) under this AGREEMENT. The WORK PRODUCT is not to be used by CLIENT or other contractors, subcontractors, or material suppliers on other projects without the express written consent of CEC.

18. FILE RETENTION

Upon conclusion of the project, CEC's file on the project will be closed and may be sent offsite for storage. Unless CLIENT requests a longer retention period in writing, CEC reserves the right to destroy all file information seven (7) years after the project is closed.

19. SURVIVAL

In the event of termination, cancellation or avoidance of this AGREEMENT, the terms and conditions of Articles 3 (Site Access, Site Conditions and Subsurface Features), 4 (Biological Pollutants, Hazardous Materials and Hazardous Conditions), 5 (Evolving Technologies), 11 (Insurance), 12 (Allocation of Risk), 14(Governing Law), and 15 (Dispute Resolution) shall survive termination of the AGREEMENT.

END OF TERMS