

CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 2017 – 169

By: Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY COST-SHARE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, IN ORDER FOR THE DISTRICT TO PROVIDE REIMBURSEMENT OF FUNDS TO THE CITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE WALNUT DRIVE DETENTION BASIN PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District ("District"), pursuant to the authority of Chapter 6119 of the Ohio Revised Code and Title V of the District's Stormwater Management Code, is authorized to provide planning, financing, design, improvement, construction, inspection, monitoring, maintenance, operation and regulation for the handling of stormwater runoff to member communities; and

WHEREAS, by and through Ordinance No. 2016-057, this Council authorized the Mayor to enter into a Regional Stormwater Management Program Service Agreement with the District in order to provide delivery of District Regional Stormwater Management Program services within the City of Strongsville; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the aforementioned Stormwater Management Agreement, on May 16, 2013, by and through Resolution No. 114-13, the District was authorized to enter into Regional Stormwater Management Program Community Cost-Share Program Agreements with certain member communities; and

WHEREAS, the District, as a component of implementing such Regional Stormwater Management Program, manages a financial account termed the "Community Cost-Share Account" that is for the aggregation and dissemination of funds derived from revenues collected from member communities' Stormwater Fees; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Community Cost-Share Account is to provide funding to assist the City with District-approved projects through the Community Cost-Share Program; and

WHEREAS, the Community Cost-Share Program funds are used for construction, operation, and maintenance of Local Stormwater Systems, including administrative costs directly associated with such projects, as well as costs related to repair or upgrade; and

WHEREAS, by and through Ordinance No. 2017-112, this Council authorized the Mayor to enter into a contract for the purposes of construction of a 42" culvert, ditch and detention basin to re-direct stormwater run-off near the area of Drake Road between Ash Drive and Walnut Drive, in connection with the Walnut Drive Detention Basin Project ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, the District supports the Walnut Drive Detention Basin Project as a Community Cost-Share project.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized and directed to enter into and execute a Community Cost-Share Agreement with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District in order for the District to allocate and provide reimbursement of funds up to \$325,000.00 to the City of Strongsville, in connection with the Walnut Drive Detention Basin Project, a copy of which Agreement is substantially in the form attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "1".

Section 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council; and that all deliberations of this Council, and any of its committees, that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 3. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, safety and welfare of the City, and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary to enter into the Agreement in order to receive the City's share of funds available through the District's Community Cost-Share Policy. Therefore, provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Kenneth M. Dooner
 President of Council

Approved: Thomas S. Berlin
 Mayor

Date Passed: 10-2-17

Date Approved: Oct. 2, 2017

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Attest: Aimee Pientka
 Clerk of Council

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 1st Rdg. 10-2-17 Ref: _____
 2nd Rdg. Suspended Ref: _____
 3rd Rdg. Suspended Ref: _____

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 Adopted: 10-2-17 Defeated: _____

**COMMUNITY COST-SHARE AGREEMENT
BY AND BETWEEN
THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT
AND
CITY OF STRONGSVILLE**

This Agreement is made and entered into this 2nd day of October, 2017, by and between the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (District), acting pursuant to Resolution No. 114-13, adopted by the Board of Trustees of the District on May 16, 2013 (Exhibit "A"), and the City of Strongsville (City), acting pursuant to Ordinance/Resolution No. 2017-169, adopted on October 2, 2017 (Exhibit "B").

Recitals

WHEREAS, the District, as a component of implementing a regional stormwater management program, manages a financial account termed the "*Community Cost-Share Account*" that is for the aggregation and dissemination of funds derived from revenues collected from the Stormwater Fee; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Community Cost-Share Account is to provide funding to assist the City with District-approved projects through the Community Cost Share Program; and

WHEREAS, the Community Cost-Share Program funds are used for construction, operation, and maintenance of the Local Stormwater System, including administrative costs directly associated with such projects as well as costs related to repair or upgrade; and

WHEREAS, the District supports the Community Cost-Share Walnut Drive Detention project (the "Project") as a Community Cost-Share project proposed by the City; and

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the payment and the mutual promises contained in this Agreement, the parties agree as follows:

Article 1.0 City Obligations

1.1 The City agrees to perform as follows:

- 1.1.1 Complete work as detailed in the District approved Community Cost-Share application. (Exhibit "C")
- 1.1.2 Complete and submit Progress Reports when submitting Request for Payment as needed, or within 30 days of close of the Project, per Section 5.0 of the *Community Cost-Share Program Policy*.
- 1.1.3 Notify the City's Watershed Team Leader at least 7 business days prior to the start of the Project.

- 1.1.4 Meet with District staff when requested to review the Project status.
 - 1.1.5 Obtain all necessary legal agreements with affected property owners to perform the Project and to bind any successor in title to maintain compliance as specified in this Agreement between the District and the City for the Project.
 - 1.1.6 Comply with all applicable local, state and federal requirements. This may include, but is not limited to, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Section 404, Ohio EPA Section 401 water quality certification, and Ohio Department of Natural Resources Dam Safety Laws.
 - 1.1.7 If the City fails to maintain the Project in accordance with this Agreement, the City shall be liable for the full amount of any Community Cost-Share Program funds paid for the Project. Such amount shall be offset against the City Community Cost-Share Account.
 - 1.1.8 Submit requests for approval to modify the budget, deadline, deliverables, or other components of the Project to the City's Watershed Team Leader at least 30 business days prior to the desired date of execution of the modification.
 - 1.1.9 Acknowledge the District on any public advertisement or outreach efforts including all publications and signage related to the Project which shall include the following disclaimer:

This project was funded in part or totally through the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS D) Community Cost-Share Program in coordination with City, under the provisions of the NEORS D Regional Stormwater Management Program. The contents and views, including any opinions, findings, or conclusions or recommendations, contained in this publication are those of the authors and have not been subject to NEORS D review and may not necessarily reflect the views of NEORS D, and no official endorsement should be inferred.
 - 1.1.10 Provide the District the opportunity to have design approval for any signage or public education and outreach efforts related to the Project.
 - 1.1.11 Permit the District to photograph the Project and to incorporate the Project into the District's overall public education and outreach efforts for stormwater management.
- 1.2 Failure to meet any of the requirements listed in Article 1.1 may result in termination of this Agreement and reimbursement of disbursed funds to the District.

Article 2.0 **District's Obligations**

2.1 The District agrees to perform as follows:

- 2.1.1. Allocate \$325,000.00 to the City for the Project from the City's Community Cost-Share Account.
- 2.1.2. Provide reimbursement of funds up to \$325,000.00 to the City within 60 days of receipt of a complete Request for Payment from the City, detailing costs related to the Project.
- 2.1.3. Timely review and approval or disapproval of requests to modify the budget, deadline, deliverables, or other components of the Project.
- 2.1.4. Acknowledge the City in presentations or publications related to the Project.

Article 3.0 **Dispute Resolution**

3.01 The Parties shall continue the performance of their obligations under this Agreement notwithstanding the existence of a dispute.

3.02 The Parties shall first try to resolve the dispute at the level of the designated representatives as follows:

District Representative	City Representative
Watershed Team Leader	Lori Daley, Assistant City Engineer City of Strongsville

If the Parties are unable to resolve the dispute at that level within ten (10) working days, the Parties shall escalate the dispute to the following level to resolve the dispute:

District Representative	City Representative
Director of Watershed Programs	Kenneth P. Mikula, City Engineer City of Strongsville

3.03 If the Parties remain unable to resolve the dispute within an additional ten (10) working days, the Parties shall proceed to mediation upon request by either party. The mediator shall review all documents and written statements, in order to accurately and effectively resolve the dispute. The mediator shall call a meeting between the Parties within ten (10) working days after mediator appointment, which meeting shall be attended by at least the respective representatives listed in paragraph 3.02 above. The Parties shall attempt in good faith to resolve the dispute. The Parties agree to follow the Uniform Mediation Act, Chapter 2710 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Parties shall share the cost of the mediator equally.

3.04 Such mediation shall be non-binding between the Parties and, to the extent permitted by law, shall be kept confidential. If the dispute is resolved and settled through the mediation process, the decision will be implemented by a written agreement signed by both Parties. If the dispute is unable to be resolved through mediation, the Parties agree to submit the dispute to the appropriate jurisdiction as per Article 4, Remedies, below.

Article 4 **Remedies**

4.01 The Parties agree that, after exhausting the dispute resolution process outlined above, all claims, counter-claims, disputes and other matters in question between the Parties arising out of or relating to this Agreement, or the breach thereof, will be decided at law. This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted according to the law of the State of Ohio.

Article 5 **Counterpart Signatures**

5.01 This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but which counterparts when taken together shall constitute one Agreement.

Article 6 **Governing Law**

6.01 The terms and provisions of this Agreement shall be construed under and governed by the laws of Ohio (to which all Parties hereto consent to venue and jurisdiction).

Article 7 **Disclaimer of Joint Venture**

7.01 This Agreement is not intended to create a joint venture, partnership or agency relationship between the Parties, and such joint venture, partnership, or agency relationship is specifically hereby disclaimed.

Article 8 **Authority to Execute**

8.01 Each person executing this Agreement represents and warrants that it is duly authorized to execute this Agreement by the party on whose behalf it is so executing.

Article 9 **Exhibits**

The following exhibits are attached hereto and incorporated herein:

Exhibit "A" – District Resolution

Exhibit "B" – City Ordinance/Resolution

Exhibit "C" – District-Approved Community Cost Share Application

The parties have executed this Agreement on the day and year first above written.

NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT

BY: _____
Kyle Dreyfuss-Wells
Chief Executive Officer

AND

BY: _____
Darnell Brown, President
Board of Trustees

CITY OF STRONSVILLE

By: Thomas P. Percak
Thomas P. Percak

Title: Mayor

34-6002751

Federal Taxpayer I.D. Number

The Legal Form and Correctness of this Instrument is hereby Approved:

CITY OF STRONGSVILLE

Neal M. Jamison
Neal M. Jamison, Law Director

This Instrument Prepared By:
Katarina K. Waag
Assistant General Counsel
Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District

Each party agrees that this Agreement may be executed and distributed for signatures via email, and that the emailed signatures affixed by both parties to this Agreement shall have the same legal effect as if such signatures were in their originally written format.

CONTRACT NO.

NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER
DISTRICT

WITH

CITY OF STRONGSVILLE

FOR

COMMUNITY COST-SHARE PROJECT:
WALNUT DRIVE DETENTION

Total Approximate Cost: \$325,000.00

The legal form and correctness of the within
instrument are hereby approved.

CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER

Date

CERTIFICATION

It is hereby certified that the amount required to meet the contract, agreement, obligation, payment or expenditure, for the above, has been lawfully appropriated or authorized or directed for such purpose and is in the Treasury or in process of collection to the credit of the fund free from any obligation or certification now outstanding.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Date

EXHIBIT A

NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 114-13

Authorizing the Executive Director to enter into Regional Stormwater
Management Program Community Cost-Share Program Agreements
with Member Communities.

WHEREAS, the Code of Regulations of the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, Title V – Stormwater Management Code Chapter 9 outlines the Community Cost-Share Program developed to provide funds to District Member Communities for construction, operation and maintenance activities of community-specific stormwater management projects; and

WHEREAS, under the Community Cost-Share Program, 25% of the annual collected stormwater revenue from each Member Community will be held by the District in a Community Cost-Share account, whereby Communities, with review and approval by the District, through specific applications outlining the community-specific stormwater work to be performed can access reimbursement of their funds; and

WHEREAS, the District is seeking authority to enter into Regional Stormwater Management Program Community Cost-Share Program Agreements with Member Communities for the purpose of detailing and memorializing responsibilities of the District and Member Communities under specific applications to the Community Cost-Share Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT:

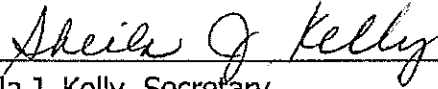
Section 1. That this Board finds that for the reasons stated in the preamble hereof it is in the best interests of the District to enter into Regional Stormwater Management Program Cost-Share Program Agreements with Member Communities to memorialize responsibilities of the District and Member Communities under specific applications to the Community Cost-Share Program.

Section 2. That this Board hereby authorizes the Executive Director to enter into Regional Stormwater Management Program Cost-Share Agreements with Member Communities to memorialize responsibilities of the District and Member Communities under specific applications to the Community Cost-Share Program under such terms and conditions that are satisfactory to the Director of Law and in the best interests of the District.

Section 3. That this Board authorizes the Executive Director to execute all documents and do all things necessary to effect the terms and conditions of the Stormwater Management Program Direct Billing Agreements with Member Communities.

Section 4. That this Board declares that all formal actions of the Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution and that all deliberations of the Board and any of its committees that resulted in said formal action were conducted in meetings open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On motion of Mayor Starr seconded by Mr. O'Malley, the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted on May 16, 2013.



Sheila J. Kelly, Secretary
Board of Trustees

Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District