

RESOLUTION NO: #2020-3-03
THE BOROUGH OF HARMONY
BUTLER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

**A RESOLUTION OF THE HARMONY BOROUGH
COUNCIL APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE
INTERGOVERNMENTAL PROJECT ENTITLED THE
LOWER CONNOQUENESSING WATERSHED-
STORMWATER PLANNING STUDY BETWEEN NINE
MUNICIPALITIES AND THE COUNTY OF BUTLER.**

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2019, a meeting was called by County Officials concerning the extraordinary flooding events that have occurred within the Connoquenessing Watershed in recent history, with over fifteen municipalities being represented; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of that meeting, a smaller group of municipalities in the southwest corner of the County decided it was to their mutual interests to continue the conversation with other municipalities that have accepted their responsibilities to manage stormwater; and,

WHEREAS, these municipalities accept the fact that their stormwater management practices have a regional impact; and,

WHEREAS, this group representing nine municipalities, those being the Boroughs of Zelienople, Harmony, Evans City, Mars and Seven Fields and the Townships of Jackson, Lancaster, Adams and Cranberry, has continued to meet and discuss shared concerns and have been assisted in those discussions by their respective consulting engineers whom are experienced in stormwater management; and,

WHEREAS, PA Act 167 of 1978, established that the responsibility of managing stormwater resides with the local municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, in 2006, Butler County led an effort to ensure every municipality in the County had enacted an ordinance that was in compliance with Act 167, which resulted in every municipality in the County adopting or amending their then current ordinance to be consistent with the County's model Act 167 ordinance.; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of these collaborative discussions and a firm commitment to their stormwater management responsibilities it has been determined the best way forward to address enhanced stormwater management and flooding mitigation is a through a process that incorporates two deliverables, which will address the following:

1. Provide updated stormwater release rates that consider current land use coverages and identified issues downstream. This provides the opportunity to make changes in the ordinances that will provide long term benefits in stormwater management, directly effecting potential flooding

2. Identify three significant physical improvement projects in each municipality that has the potential to provide relief during flooding events, along with the proposed costs of those improvements. Each municipality will be requested to work with the selected consultant to identify those projects. This also provides the opportunity to identify potential revenue to undertake those improvements, including collaboratively seeking federal and state funding.

WHEREAS, Butler County has agreed to retain the consultant, whom has been endorsed by this group, HRG Engineers, to undertake this study, provided agreements can be reached with each of the nine municipalities upon sharing of the costs of this Study; and,

WHEREAS, HRG Engineers, were the County's consultant in 2006, working with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, in developing the County wide model Act 167 Ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, the group has reviewed a scope of work proposed by HRG Engineers, along with County Officials, and is recommending the County engage HRG Engineers to undertake the Scope of Work as identified in their Proposal Dated February 4, 2020, entitled, Lower Connoquenessing Watershed – Stormwater Planning, in the amount of \$76,380.00, as shown in Attachment A; and,

WHEREAS, Butler County has agreed to contribute 20% of the cost of this Study, in the amount of \$15,276.00, with the balance being divided between the nine municipalities, in the following amounts:

Adams Township:	\$ 8,147.20
Cranberry Township:	\$ 8,147.20
Evans City Borough:	\$ 5,431.47
Harmony Borough:	\$ 3,578.66
Jackson Township:	\$10,000.00
Lancaster Township:	\$ 8,147.20
Seven Fields Borough:	\$ 5,431.47
Mars Borough:	\$ 5,431.47
Zelienople Borough:	<u>\$ 6,789.33</u>
TOTAL	\$ 61,104.00

WHEREAS, this collaborative group of municipalities will continue to be involved in monitoring the work of the consultants, in cooperation with the County of Butler, as to the successful conclusion of the Study; and,

WHEREAS, this Study is anticipated to take approximately twelve months to complete following authorization to proceed by the County of Butler; and,


WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of each participating municipality's representative to be actively engaged with this Study and provide appropriate updates to their respective governing body on the progress of this Study; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Harmony Borough Council agree to contribute \$3,578.66 toward this intergovernmental Study and authorize the appropriate payment(s) to Butler County as their contributions as the work is performed under the referenced Proposal.

RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HARMONY THIS 3rd DAY OF MARCH 2020.

ATTEST

BOROUGH OF HARMONY

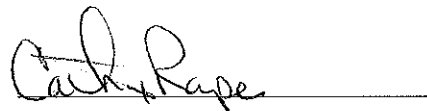


Amy Brown
Borough Secretary

By: 

Gregory Such
President of Council

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY ME THIS 3rd DAY OF March



Cathy Rape, Mayor