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January 14, 2016

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RE: Mamaroneck-Sheldrake Rivers General Re-evaluation Study  
Selection of Design Alternative 1Z

Dear Colonel Caldwell:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (hereinafter the "Department") continued support of Alternative 1Z as the Tentatively Selected Plan as delineated in the draft Mamaroneck-Sheldrake Rivers General Re-evaluation Study (Study) and supports the Corps moving forward through the public review process as soon as possible. The Department is the United States Army Corps of Engineers New York District's (Corps) non-federal sponsor for this project, with the County of Westchester (County) as its local sponsor. The Village of Mamaroneck (Village) has also been completely integrated into the process of developing the alternatives explored in the Study.

Officials of the above agencies met on January 28, 2014 to review the status and direction of the Mamaroneck-Sheldrake Rivers General Reevaluation Study. The Corps advised that it had identified Alternative Number 1Z, from the various alternatives that had been evaluated to date, as the National Economic Development (NED) Plan. The non-federal partners were advised by the Corps that one of the alternatives with a positive benefit-to-cost ratio would need to be selected if the project was to move forward from the re-evaluation phase to the construction phase. In September 2015, I attended the Corps meeting at Corps Headquarters at which the Department's support of alternative 1Z moving forward to public comment was also stated.

New York State Environmental Conservation Law requires the Department to participate as the non-federal sponsor in the development of federal flood control projects in New York State. The Department maintains its interest to be the non-federal sponsor in the development of a flood damage reduction project in the Village of Mamaroneck. Further, as the Department is required to have a local sponsor when taking the role of the non-federal sponsor, the County and Village have also indicated support of Alternative Number 1Z as the NED plan. Please see the enclosed letters



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dated March 4, 2014 from the County and January 31, 2014 with a January 13, 2016 updated letter from the Village. The Department concurs with the County and Village that this is the most favorable alternative among those studied and would provide flood damage reduction benefits to the Village. Therefore, the Department requests that the Corps moves forward to complete the further study of Alternative Number 1Z as the NED plan under the optimization process.

This letter is not a commitment for funding for the next phase of the project. That commitment can only be made when a Federal Cost Share Agreement (FCSA) with the Corps is executed by the Office of the State Controller. The Department commits to providing staff resources to finalize the project scope, the FCSA and the associated documents in order to move this project forward. The Department will also need to have a formal local cost share agreement executed with a local sponsor before it can enter into a FCSA with the Corps and move forward into the construction phase.

If you have any questions or if you need additional information, please contact either Mr. Arvind Goswami, P.E., the Project Manager, or me at (518) 402-8185.

Sincerely,



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Director

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January 31, 2014

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Re: Selection of Flood Remediation Alternative for Army Corps Joint Project with NYS/County/Village  
a.k.a. One Medium

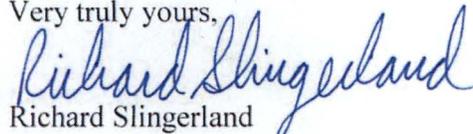
Dear Commissioner Burroughs:

I am submitting this letter on behalf of the Village of Mamaroneck, to represent the Village's official interest in the direction for the Army Corps Study that is being performed jointly with the Village of Mamaroneck, Westchester County through the Planning Department, New York State through the DEC, and Federal government the Army Corps of Engineers.

Having reviewed the various alternatives, including with the Federal and Non-Federal partners to this study, and having discussed the choices with the Mayor and Board of Trustees, with the goals of maximizing flood prevention improvements to the neighborhoods at risk for river-based flooding around the Village, and achieving the greatest cost-benefit through the community as a whole, we are requesting the project known as "One Medium", adjusted from the optimized Alternative One, to be selected as the Locally Preferred Project, and have that be the focus of our efforts moving forward. If you require an official vote of the elected body in the Village of Mamaroneck, please let me know.

We appreciate your efforts on our community's behalf pursuant to this extremely important project.

Very truly yours,

  
Richard Slingerland  
Village Manager

cc: Army Corps of Engineers  
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Mayor and Board of Trustees

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March 4, 2014

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**Subject: Mamaroneck-Sheldrake Rivers General Reevaluation Report  
Selection of Locally Preferred Alternative**

Dear Mr. Fuchs:

On January 28, 2014, the New York District of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), County of Westchester and Village of Mamaroneck met to review the status of the Corps' "Mamaroneck-Sheldrake Rivers General Reevaluation Report." The Corps advised the attendees that it has identified its "Alternative No. 1F," from the various alternatives that have been evaluated to date by the Corps under this project, as the National Economic Development (NED) Plan. The Corps then asked DEC to support an alternative.

Subsequent to the meeting, the Village of Mamaroneck requested that the County of Westchester support the Corps' "Alternative No. 1M (Medium)" as the Locally Preferred Plan (LPP). (See attached letter dated January 31, 2014.) In its letter to the County, the Village wrote that Alternative "One Medium" meets "the goals of maximizing flood prevention improvements to the neighborhoods at risk for river-based flooding around the Village" and achieves "the greatest cost-benefit through the community as a whole." These objectives were stated previously by Village of Mamaroneck Mayor Norman Rosenblum at a presentation and meeting with Congressman Eliot Engel on June 7, 2013.

The County of Westchester supports the Village's identification of "Alternative No. 1M" as the LPP and agrees that it is the most cost beneficial alternative among those studied by the Corps and the alternative that would lessen the risk of flood damage to the greatest number of properties in the Village.

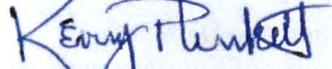
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Therefore, the County requests DEC to notify the Corps that its non-federal sponsors and stakeholder have identified "Alternative No. 1M" as the LPP. As such, this alternative should be further studied under the Corps' "optimization" process. The County's request, however, should not be construed to financially bind the County to any aspect of any future project other than the current General Reevaluation Report (GRR).

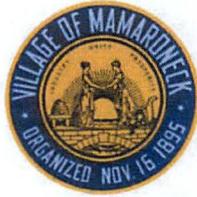
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Re: Selection of Flood Remediation Alternative "1 Z" (NED) for Army Corps/NYS/County/Village Project

Dear Commissioner Burroughs and Director Fuchs:

I am submitting this updated letter on behalf of the Village of Mamaroneck, to confirm the Village's position in relation to the Army Corps Study, to reinforce the position conveyed during the trip to Central Office in September 2015, attended by Mayor Norman Rosenblum, Trustee Leon Potok and myself.

Having reviewed the various alternatives, including with the Federal and Non-Federal partners to this study, and having discussed the choices with the Mayor and Board of Trustees, with the goals of maximizing flood prevention improvements to the neighborhoods at risk for river-based flooding around the Village, and achieving the greatest cost-benefit through the community as a whole, we are requesting the project known as "One Z", also known as the new NED plan, to be selected as the agreed upon project, and have that be the focus of our efforts moving forward. As noted in the past, if you require an official vote of the elected body in the Village of Mamaroneck, please let me know.

We appreciate your efforts on our community's behalf pursuant to this extremely important project.

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