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District Commander

The Honorable Benjamin Sells
Village President
Village of Riverside
27 Riverside Road
Riverside, Illinois 60546

Dear President Sells:

Thank you for your interest in partnering on the Groveland Avenue Levee Section 205 flood risk management project.

As you know, the Project Partnership Agreement (PPA) would establish the cost-sharing arrangement for design and implementation of the project. I am writing to reiterate that Corps regulations, specifically Engineering Regulation 1105-2-100, provide that once the design portion has been completed, the parties must decide whether to proceed with implementation of the project, or terminate the cost-sharing agreement, in an orderly manner. After the functional design is completed, the Corps will meet with the Village and we will mutually decide whether to proceed toward construction. If the decision is made not to proceed to implementation, we will wrap up the project, concluding with a final accounting, as called for in Article VI.E. of the PPA. If it is determined that the funds provided by the Village exceed its share of costs to that point, the Corps will (subject to the availability of funds) refund the excess funds to the Village.

You also asked about crediting for real estate acquisitions. Corps regulations, specifically Engineering Regulation 405-1-12, provide that a sponsor is eligible for credit for not only the fair market value of the real estate required for the project, but also the documented incidental costs of that acquisition, including closing and title costs, appraisal costs, survey costs, attorney's fees, plat maps and mapping costs, as well as the actual amounts expended for relocation assistance benefits. These costs are creditable whether the real estate interests are acquired through negotiation or condemnation.

We look forward to partnering with you on this project to benefit the residents of the Village of Riverside. I am currently planning to attend the Village Board meeting on December 6, and either I or my representative look forward to answering any additional questions you may have. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact Jeff Zuercher, project manager, at 312-846-5558 or jeffrey.k.zuercher@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,



Aaron W. Reisinger
Colonel, U.S. Army
District Commander