

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FINANCE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A "COMMUNITY COST-SHARE AGREEMENT" WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT FOR THE GRANT STREET PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District ("NEORS"), pursuant to the authority of Ohio Revised Code Chapter 6119, and Title V of NEORS's Stormwater Management Code, is authorized to provide overall stormwater management of the regional stormwater system, including planning, financing, design, improvement, construction, inspection, monitoring, maintenance, operation, and regulation for the proper handling of stormwater runoff and the development and provision of technical support information and services to member communities; and

WHEREAS, NEORS has been established as a regional governmental entity with the authority to operate and maintain a regional stormwater system in the general area encompassing fully or partially the Village of Richfield; and

WHEREAS, NEORS, 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 Village with NEORS 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 or Regional Stormwater System, including administrative costs directly associated with such projects as well as costs related to repair or upgrade; and

WHEREAS, NEORS wishes to support the Community Cost-Share Grant Street Public Improvement Project (the "Project") as a Community Cost-Share project proposed by the Village; and

WHEREAS, Council wishes to authorize the execution of a Community Cost-Share Agreement with NEORS.

NOW THEREFORE, Be It Ordained by the Council of the Village of Richfield, Summit County, State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The Mayor and the Finance Director are authorized and directed to execute the "Community Cost-Share Agreement" with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District substantially in accordance with the agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

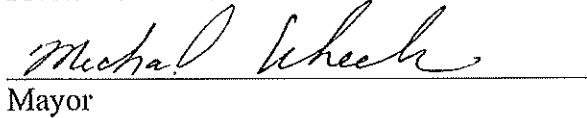
SECTION 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary for the Community Cost-Share Agreement to go into effect to allow the consistent and coordinated delivery of NEORS regional stormwater management program services within the Village; wherefore, provided it receives the requisite number of votes needed to pass as an emergency measure; otherwise, it shall take effect at the earliest date allowed by law.

PASSED: 2-6-2024

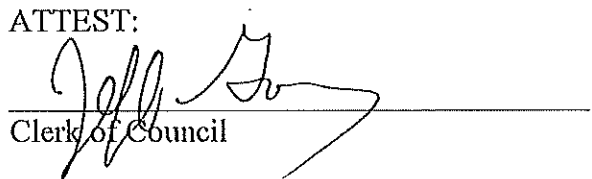


President of Council



Mayor

Dated: 2/5/2024

ATTEST:


Clerk of Council

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

This Agreement is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2024, 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 Village of Richfield (Village) acting pursuant to Ordinance/Resolution No. _____, adopted on _____, 20____ (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 Village 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 or Regional 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 Grant Street Public Improvement Project (the "Project") as a Community Cost-Share project proposed by the Village; 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 Village Obligations

1.1 The Village 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 Village'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 Village 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 Village fails to maintain the Project in accordance with this Agreement, the Village 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 Village's 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 Village'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) Community Cost-Share Program in coordination with Village, under the provisions of the NEORS 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 review and may not necessarily reflect the views of NEORS, 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 \$374,694.00 to the Village for the Project from the Village's Community Cost-Share Account.
 - 2.1.2. Provide reimbursement of funds up to \$374,694.00 to the Village within 60 days of receipt of a complete Request for Payment from the Village, detailing costs related to the Project.
 - 2.1.3. The District shall reimburse the Village for Project costs paid by the Village related to the stormwater equipment that is part of the Project, utilizing only such funds that are available in the Village's Community Cost-Share Account for the Village's applications(s), and pursuant to Article 1 of this Agreement and the obligations of this Agreement.
 - 2.1.4. Timely review and approval or disapproval of requests to modify the budget, deadline, deliverables, or other components of the Project.
 - 2.1.5. Acknowledge the Village in presentations or publications related to the Project.
- 2.2 The District is not liable for any and all claims, damages, losses, liens, causes of action, suits, judgments and expenses of any nature, kind or description, that result from and to the extent caused by the acts or omissions of the Village, the design professional, and the contractor, including all of their officers, owners, principals, subcontractors, employees, and agents. The District is not responsible for the accuracy, correctness and reliability of the plans as it is not reviewing or approving any plans as to the suitability of the design/fitness for a particular purpose.

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	Village Representative
Watershed Team Leader	Planning & Economic Development Director

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	Village Representative
Director of Watershed Programs	Mayor

- 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 laws 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" – Village Ordinance/Resolution

Exhibit "C" – District Approved Community Cost Share Application

[signatures on the following page]

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

VILLAGE OF RICHFIELD

By: _____

Title: _____

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

VILLAGE OF RICHFIELD

Assistant/Director of Law

This Instrument Prepared By:

Anka M. Davis
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.

[FOR NEORS D USE]

AGREEMENT NO.

NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER
DISTRICT

WITH

VILLAGE OF RICHFIELD

FOR

COMMUNITY COST-SHARE PROJECT:
GRANT STREET PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT
PROJECT

Total Approximate Cost: \$374,694.00

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

ERIC J. LUCKAGE
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.

KENNETH J. DUPLAY
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Date

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