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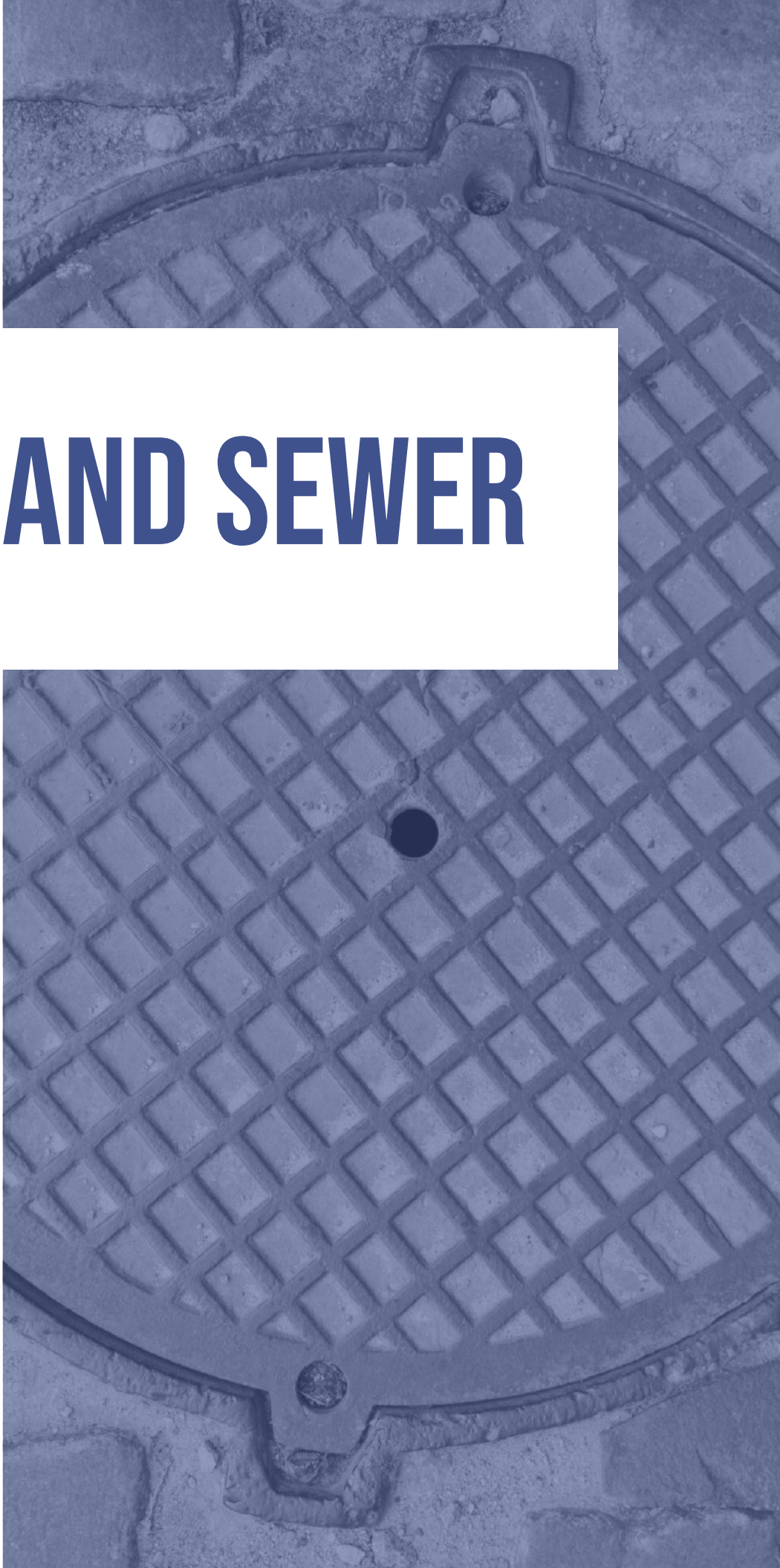
WATER AND SEWER



PROJECT #99

Courtland Township Sanitary Sewer System Upgrades

Project Cost

Minimum Cost: $5,000,000
Maximum Cost: $6,000,000
***ARPA Request**: $2,500,000*

Submitter Info

Name: Matt McConnon
Organization: Courtland Township

Project Overview

Funding Group: Infrastructure
Project Theme: Water and Sewer
Project Status: Existing Project
Matching Funds: 26-50%

Eligibility:
Sustainability:
Feasibility:
Impact:

Source of Funding

If the project is not fully funded, the township will pursue a loan from the State Revolving Fund to cover the balance.

Partnership

n/a

Identify the need for the proposed project

We had a study done using SAW grant money to determine the condition of our sewer system along with an Assessment of Facilities by our engineer.

Brief Description

Our sewer system that services homes all around Myers and Brower Lakes along with two developments, requires replacement of all 10 of the lift stations and 43 grinder pump stations. The components are deteriorating and are impacting the reliability of the system.

Long-Term Benefit

Replacement of the lift stations will ensure the public sanitary sewer system continues to operate reliably to avoid contamination in the lakes.

Intended Beneficiary

All the residents serviced by the system as well as the people who utilize the Kent County Park at Myers Lake.

Estimated Cost

5 - 6 Million dollars

Project Management Experience

None

Federal Funds Experience

We regularly utilize federal funds.

Studies on Impact

No

Guidehouse Ranking Notes

Eligibility **Sustainability** **Feasibility**

Water and sewer infrastructure projects are eligible

PROJECT #128

Butterworth Stormwater Improvements

Project Cost

Minimum Cost: $4,000,000

Maximum Cost: $4,000,000

***ARPA Request**: $4,000,000*

Submitter Info

Name: Mike Grenier

Organization: City of Grand Rapids

Project Overview

Funding Group: Improving Government Operations
Project Theme: Water and Sewer
Project Status: New Project
Matching Funds: No

Eligibility:

Sustainability:

Feasibility:

Impact:

Source of Funding

n/a

Partnership

n/a

Identify the need for the proposed project

Butterworth from the west city limits to I-196 does not have stormwater infrastructure. Water sheet flows over steep slopes on the road and over the side of the road. Water over the side of the road causes soil erosion and the sediment deposits on the properties below. Water flowing over the surface of the road causes damage to the surface and impairs driving. In addition, there are locations in which the water floods in the roadways and does not allow cars to pass through. In addition, the road is winding, and it is easily to come upon a flooded area with little to no notice. The road is critical to both commercial/industrial users as well as residents of Grand Rapids and Walker. The runoff affects both the Millennium Park Trailhead and the new Kent County Parks offices. However, steep slopes, lack of easements and utility crossings make installation of traditional gravity storm sewer difficult.

Brief Description

Installation of the force main system removes many complexities and barriers of a gravity system but increases the cost significantly. A stormwater force main can be installed at an approximate cost of $4.0 M, including a lift station. Traditionally, the City would assess the property owners in the area contributing to the stormwater flow for adding storm sewer to an area. In this case, however, there are only 4 property owners, including the City, to share the cost. The City already has 11 stormwater stations and is fully capable of running the system after installation.

Long-Term Benefit

The road is critical to both commercial/industrial users as well as residents of Grand Rapids and Walker. The runoff affects both the Millennium Park Trailhead and the new Kent County Parks offices. However, steep slopes, lack of easements and utility crossings make installation of traditional gravity storm sewer difficult

Intended Beneficiary

The road is critical to both commercial/industrial users as well as residents of Grand Rapids and Walker. The runoff affects both the Millennium Park Trailhead and the new Kent County Parks offices.

Estimated Cost

$4,000,000.00

Project Management Experience

The City of Grand Rapids has deep experience managing large projects.

Federal Funds Experience

The City of Grand Rapids has deep experience working with federal funds.

Project Cost

Minimum Cost: $4,000,000
Maximum Cost: $4,000,000
***ARPA Request**: $4,000,000*

Submitter Info

Name: Mike Grenier
Organization: City of Grand Rapids

Project Overview

Funding Group: Improving Government Operations
Project Theme: Water and Sewer
Project Status: New Project
Matching Funds: No

Eligibility:
Sustainability:
Feasibility:
Impact:

Source of Funding

n/a

Partnership

n/a

Studies on Impact

This project is a conventional stormwater project.

Supporting Documentation

Letter of Support

Guidehouse Ranking Notes

Eligibility **Sustainability** **Feasibility**

Storm water remediation and prevention is eligible

PROJECT #138

Lake Saint Jude Drainage Improvements

Project Cost

Minimum Cost: $750,000

Maximum Cost: $800,000

***ARPA Request**: $750,000*

Submitter Info

Name: Mike Grenier

Organization: City of Grand Rapids

Project Overview

Funding Group: Infrastructure
Project Theme: Water and Sewer
Project Status: New Project
Matching Funds: No

Eligibility:

Sustainability:

Feasibility:

Impact:

Source of Funding

n/a

Partnership

n/a

Identify the need for the proposed project

Backyard flooding has been occurring in Parkway Drive and Waterford Court since 2009. The cause of the flooding is higher than normal rain levels, higher groundwater levels, increased impervious areas around the site, reduced infiltration rates and a lack of a direct stormwater discharge point from the drainage district to the Grand River. When flooding occurs, City of Grand Rapids Staff set up temporary equipment to pump down the flood prone areas. The temporary pumping operation involves extending long lengths of 3- inch hoses which cross driveways and sidewalks. Pumping can be over a long duration and is a noisy operation. A permanent sustainable solution is needed to remedy this flooding. The City studied this drainage area in 2009, including the preparation of an engineering report and addendums with various alternatives and costs. City staff has met with the property owners impacted by the flooding to discuss the recommended alternatives.

Brief Description

The proposed design is to build a gravity storm sewer from the east end of the Parkway Drive subdivision to Eastern Avenue where the new storm sewer will connect to the existing Wells Drain which is in the jurisdiction of the Kent County Drain Commissioner. The gravity storm sewer will address the flooding and reduce energy consumption and maintenance. The estimated cost for this work is $800,000. City Staff has been in correspondence with the Kent County Drain Commissioner regarding the addition of this water to the Wells Drain and has come to an understanding on how this could be accomplished. Once the improvements have been constructed and connected to the Wells Drain the City would take ownership of the Wells Drain in Eastern Avenue and 4 Mile Road which outlets to the Grand River. The estimated costs for the drainage improvements for the Lake Saint Jude Drainage Improvements is $750,000

Long-Term Benefit

Funding of this project will reduce backyard flooding in the area as well as relieving the financial burden of funding these improvements to the surrounding homeowners.

Intended Beneficiary

The neighborhoods in teh Lake St Jude area.

Estimated Cost

$75,000.00

Project Management Experience

The City of Grand Rapids has deep experience managing large projects.

Federal Funds Experience

The City of Grand Rapids has deep experience working with federal funds.

Studies on Impact

This is a conventional stormwater solution to this problem.

Guidehouse Ranking Notes

Eligibility	Sustainability	Feasibility
Storm water remediation and prevention is eligible	*One-time spend.*	

Project Cost

Minimum Cost: $750,000

Maximum Cost: $800,000

***ARPA Request**: $750,000*

Submitter Info

Name: Mike Grenier

Organization: City of Grand Rapids

Project Overview

Funding Group: Infrastructure
Project Theme: Water and Sewer
Project Status: New Project
Matching Funds: No

Eligibility:

Sustainability:

Feasibility:

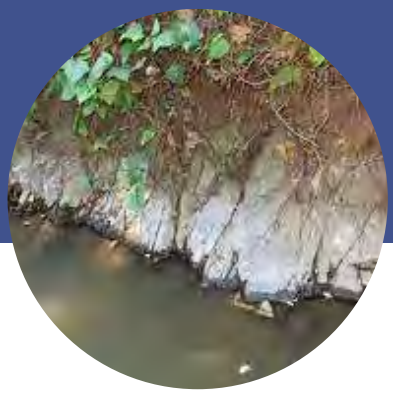
Impact:

Source of Funding

n/a

Partnership

n/a



PROJECT #228

Glen Echo Restoration

Project Cost

Minimum Cost: $600,000

Maximum Cost: $600,000

***ARPA Request**: $300,000*

Submitter Info

Name: Mike Grenier

Organization: City of Grand Rapids

Project Overview

Funding Group: Infrastructure
Project Theme: Water and Sewer
Project Status: New Project
Matching Funds: No

Eligibility:

Sustainability:

Feasibility:

Impact:

Source of Funding

We have $300,000 in capital funds budgeted based on the original construction estimate.

Partnership

We had some assistance from Plaster Creek Stewards, Lower Grand River Organization of Watersheds and West Michigan Environmental Action Council while educating neighbors. Through a 319 grant for a separate site, a green infrastructure education pop-up was held in the Glen Echo neighborhood in 2021.

Identify the need for the proposed project

Neighbors notified us of backyard erosion and extreme sedimentation at entry to piped stormwater system from open drain. Maintenance of the area of sedimentation has become burdensome both due to frequency needed to remove sedimentation to open pipe and moving equipment through side yard easements.

Brief Description

Flow restrictors from street stormwater system, green bank armoring, bypass pipes and other techniques will be utilized to reduce velocity and potential for erosion. Estimated construction have doubled since the start of the pandemic.

Long-Term Benefit

The project will substantially reduce sediment flowing to Plaster Creek and backyard erosion for residents.

Intended Beneficiary

Area residents will see direct benefits but downstream residents and communities on Plaster Creek and the Grand River will also benefit.

Estimated Cost

$600,000.00

Project Management Experience

City of Grand Rapids has led many large projects spanning multiple communities for streets and also multiple counties for streets, sanitary sewer and water.

Federal Funds Experience

We work with multiple Federal grants every year.

Studies on Impact

Green bank armoring has been a proven technique for years and is endorsed by EGLE.

Supporting Documentation

1. Letter of Support #1
2. Letter of Support #2
3. Letter of Support #3

Guidehouse Ranking Notes

Eligibility **Sustainability** **Feasibility**

Storm water remediation and prevention is eligible

PROJECT #139

Timberland Drainage Improvements

Project Cost

Minimum Cost: $75,000

Maximum Cost: $75,000

***ARPA Request**: $75,000*

Submitter Info

Name: Mike Grenier

Organization: City of Grand Rapids

Project Overview

Funding Group: Infrastructure
Project Theme: Water and Sewer
Project Status: New Project
Matching Funds: No

Eligibility:

Sustainability:

Feasibility:

Impact:

Source of Funding

n/a

Partnership

n/a

Identify the need for the proposed project

The condition of the stream and the effects of stormwater behind Timberland Dr are a concern of some of the neighbors. Some of the challenges of this area include it being an easement and the City does not own the property, effects of additional construction in the area and the multi-jurisdictional nature of this tributary of Plaster Creek.

Brief Description

A study of the creek, current stormwater structures in the area and options is being requested. It is estimated that the study would cost $75,000. The study would provide direction on solutions to the challenges in the area, where they are being contributed from and give us a road map to resolution.

Long-Term Benefit

Funding of this study would allow the City of Grand Rapids to commission the work and share the results with the neighborhood and other entities. Funding the work from this road would then be sought.

Intended Beneficiary

Neighbors in the Timberland Dr area as well as the downstream water quality.

Estimated Cost

$75,000.00

Project Management Experience

The City of Grand Rapids has deep experience managing large projects.

Federal Funds Experience

The City of Grand Rapids has deep experience working with federal funds.

Studies on Impact

This is a conventional approached to defining the stormwater challenges in the area.

Guidehouse Ranking Notes

Eligibility **Sustainability** **Feasibility**

Storm water remediation and prevention is eligible

PROJECT #163

PFAS Remediation: Water Main Extension in Cascade Township – **Phase 1**

Project Cost

Minimum Cost: $7,886,000

Maximum Cost: $7,886,000

***ARPA Request**: $1,261,000*

Submitter Info

Name: Wayne Jernberg

Organization: City of Grand Rapids

Project Overview

Funding Group: Community Health
Project Theme: Water and Sewer
Project Status: New Project
Matching Funds: 76% or greater

Eligibility:

Sustainability:

Feasibility:

Impact:

Source of Funding

Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy ($5 million) & State of Michigan budget ($1.6 million)

Partnership

Cascade Township

Identify the need for the proposed project

Cascade Township's Burger and Goodwood neighborhoods became an official Michigan PFAS Action Response Team (MPART) Area of Interest in March 2019 due to their proximity to known potential PFAS sources. The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) sampled 364 residential drinking water wells through five sampling phases. More than 60 % of the results detected one or more PFAS compounds and 40 residential wells exceeded the allowable contamination limit. These results demonstrated the need for the City of Grand Rapids and Cascade Township to address PFAS contamination in residential wells. The City of Grand Rapids and the Township applied for and were awarded a $5 million grant to begin the extension of municipal water service. An additional $1.6 million was awarded from the state. Unfortunately, due to supply chain issues and an uptick in construction cost, the bids for Phase 1 of the project are 30 % higher than the engineer estimated in January of 2021. We are requesting $1.26 million of ARPA funding to address the funding gap for a project that would provide clean and high-quality drinking water to residents in this area.

Brief Description

Consolidating residential wells onto the City municipal water main, which only partially serves the neighborhood at this time, has been identified by the Township as the most effective long-term solution. The project will be accomplished in two phases.

Long-Term Benefit

This project will address the PFAS concerns in this neighborhood, protect public health, and provide clean drinking water to the residents of this area.

Intended Beneficiary

The intended beneficiaries are residents in the affected area where high levels of PFAS compounds were found and benefit approximately 671 people.

Estimated Cost

The new estimated cost for Phase 1 of the project is $7,886,000, and $1,261,000 is requested from ARPA funding to complete the project.

Project Management Experience

The City of Grand Rapids regularly manages water main projects in its service area, including but not limited to projects in Cascade, Walker, and Grand Rapids Township.

Federal Funds Experience

The City of Grand Rapids was awarded a $5 million Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant for private lead line replacements. We report our progress and money expended to the EPA.

Studies on Impact

No.

Supporting Documentation

Cascade Township Letter for ARPA Funding - Phase 1

Project Cost

Minimum Cost: $7,886,000
Maximum Cost: $7,886,000
***ARPA Request**: $1,261,000*

Guidehouse Ranking Notes

Eligibility **Sustainability** **Feasibility**

Clean drinking water projects are eligible

Submitter Info

Name: Wayne Jernberg
Organization: City of Grand Rapids

Project Overview

Funding Group: Community Health
Project Theme: Water and Sewer
Project Status: New Project
Matching Funds: 76% or greater

Eligibility:
Sustainability:
Feasibility:
Impact:

Source of Funding

Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy ($5 million) & State of Michigan budget ($1.6 million)

Partnership

Cascade Township

PROJECT #164

PFAS Remediation: Water Main Extension in Cascade Township – **Phase 2**

Project Cost

Minimum Cost: $9,400,000

Maximum Cost: $9,400,000

***ARPA Request**: $2,200,000*

Submitter Info

Name: Wayne Jernberg

Organization: City of Grand Rapids

Project Overview

Funding Group: Community Health
Project Theme: Water and Sewer
Project Status: New Project
Matching Funds: 76% or greater

Eligibility:

Sustainability:

Feasibility:

Impact:

Source of Funding

Water Resources Development Act of 2022 ($7,200,000)

Partnership

Cascade Township

Identify the need for the proposed project

In addition to funding for Phase 1 of the Cascade Township's Burger and Goodwood water main extension project, the City of Grand Rapids is requesting funding for Phase 2 of the project. A preliminary estimate from 2021 indicated a total cost of $7.2 million for Phase 2. Still, due to Phase 1 of the project being 30 % over-engineering estimates, it is expected that it will be the same case for Phase 2. While a revised estimate has not yet been developed for Phase 2, adding 30% to the original Phase 2 estimate would result in an all-in cost of about $9.4M.

Brief Description

The City of Grand Rapids is requesting $2.2 million in ARPA funding. The completion of the project is necessary for PFAS remediation and connecting the residents of this area to a municipal water supply.

Long-Term Benefit

This project will address the PFAS concerns in this neighborhood, protect public health, and provide clean drinking water to the residents of this area.

Intended Beneficiary

The project's second phase will benefit residents in the affected area where high levels of PFAS compounds were found and benefit approximately 569 people.

Estimated Cost

Phase 2 of the project is estimated to be about $9.4M. The City of Grand Rapids is requesting $2.2 million in ARPA funding.

Project Management Experience

The City of Grand Rapids was awarded a $5 million Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant for private lead line replacements. We report our progress and money expended to the EPA.

Federal Funds Experience

The City of Grand Rapids was awarded a $5 million Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant for private lead line replacements. We report our progress and money expended to the EPA.

Studies on Impact

No.

Supporting Documentation

1. Cascade Township Letter for ARPA Funding - Phase 2

Project Cost

Minimum Cost: $9,400,000
Maximum Cost: $9,400,000
***ARPA Request**: $2,200,000*

Guidehouse Ranking Notes

Eligibility	Sustainability	Feasibility
Water system consolidation is eligible		*Risk to 2026 completion*

Submitter Info

Name: Wayne Jernberg
Organization: City of Grand Rapids

Project Overview

Funding Group: Community Health
Project Theme: Water and Sewer
Project Status: New Project
Matching Funds: 76% or greater

Eligibility:
Sustainability:
Feasibility:
Impact:

Source of Funding

Water Resources Development Act of 2022 ($7,200,000)

Partnership

Cascade Township

PROJECT #58

Mandate Funding to storm water management, HOA accountability, and long range planning.

Project Cost

Minimum Cost: n/a

Maximum Cost: n/a

Submitter Info

Name: Todd A Roesler

Organization:
Concerned Citizen GR Township

Project Overview

Funding Group: Infrastructure
Project Theme: Water and Sewer
Project Status: New Project
Matching Funds: 26-50%

Eligibility:

Sustainability:

Feasibility:

Impact

Source of Funding

The City's, Townships, and Drain Authorities who are failing s/b held accountable.

Partnership

Drain and water management need to ask for help
Government is the failure.

Identify the need for the proposed project

All of Kent County shared MDOT roads, and all KC City Infrastructure need to improve the on going flooding and poor management of areas with eroding streets, poorly designed retention ponds, erosion and flooding that continues due to failure in design and planning. This includes water management of retention ponds public or private.

Brief Description

All HOA Ponds, and Public water management should enact or mandate water ways, be cleaned, serviced and fountains to agitate and oxygenate the standing water for no flow. Knapps Corner is a perfect example of poor planning. Look at the results for poor planning on many areas of our cities. East Grand Rapids homes flood every year. Dean Lake project, Byron, Gaines, Plaster Creek, and many other areas. All of the retention ponds around Knapp's corner of algae filled cesspools of water that are killing the wild life and smothering the frogs, turtles and life. Pond agitators s/b mandated to keep the ponds cleaner, less weed and shoreline growth and invasive weeds/species. Grand Rapids East, East GR, Grand Rapids Township, Plainfield Township all have the Grand River Running through it? However these densely populated areas have little stormwater helping the "water to nowhere" issues that are only getting worse. Maryland, Michigan Ave East to The E-Beltline, all of the Grand Rapids Township West of The Beltline, Plainfield Township all have very poorly designed and underserved to meet the growing runoff everywhere with our development in the last 20 years. The time is now to act.....

Long-Term Benefit

Cost savings, less insurance claims, home owners basement flooding, road repair and curbgutter longevity.

Intended Beneficiary

The people of Kent County, and all cites and townships with poorly designed and poor quality of roads, streets, water management.

Estimated Cost

An Association of public, private and State Water Management. Make if part of GVCM.

Project Management Experience

NONE

Federal Funds Experience

NONE

Studies on Impact

https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-65-billion-new-funding-available-water-infrastructure-projects

Project Cost

Minimum Cost: n/a

Maximum Cost: n/a

Submitter Info

Name: Todd A Roesler

Organization:
Concerned Citizen GR Township

Project Overview

Funding Group: Infrastructure
Project Theme: Water and Sewer
Project Status: New Project
Matching Funds: 26-50%

Eligibility:

Sustainability:

Feasibility:

Impact

Source of Funding

The City's, Townships, and Drain Authorities who are failing s/b held accountable.

Partnership

Drain and water management need to ask for help
Government is the failure.

Guidehouse Ranking Notes

Eligibility

Storm water funding is eligible

Sustainability

Feasibility

Feasible project but a responsible organization would have to be identified manage the projects

PROJECT #177

Kent County Site Readiness Water/Wastewater Infrastructure Program

Project Cost

Minimum Cost: $7,500,000

Maximum Cost: $7,500,000

***ARPA Request**: $750,000*

Submitter Info

Name: Tim Mroz

Organization: The Right Place, Inc.

Project Overview

Funding Group: Infrastructure
Project Theme: Water and Sewer
Project Status: n/a
Matching Funds: 26-50%

Eligibility:

Sustainability:

Feasibility:

Impact:

Source of Funding

(Listed in main description)

Partnership

The Right Place will partner with each of the various municipalities and water/wastewater utilities in the county.

Identify the need for the proposed project

In The Right Place's ongoing analysis and tracking of Kent County's industrial property portfolio, the county currently has an open vacancy rate hovering around 2%. This extremely low vacancy rate, combined with an extraordinary level of pent-up demand for new investment in industrial, office, and logistical operations is putting the county at risk of retaining businesses already in the region, and losing out on future business attraction projects. To address this need/challenge, The Right Place engaged local architecture and engineering firm, Fishbeck, to perform a technical site analysis of over 100 potential industria development sites throughout West Michigan. In many cases, water and wastewater service expansion was identified as a key hurdle to achieving development ready status for these sites. Included in this analysis were over a dozen sites in Kent County. The "shovel ready" sites across Kent County have largely been developed in recent years, leaving behind land with limited infrastructure and therefore limited development opportunities. Without investments to extend infrastructure for future development, these sites will either lay fallow for years or develop at low investment levels, limiting the tax base generation that could otherwise occur. As an example, the I-96 interchange at Exit 52 is among the few major freeway interchanges in lower Michigan that lacks development. To develop the four quadrants of the interchange requires lengthy, and costly, water and wastewater investments By leveraging local, county, state, and federal funds, plus those of private developers, this historic moment represents an opportunity to prepare the site for high quality development. The Lowell exit site is just one of several opportunities identified through an exhaustive site readiness analysis conducted by The Right Place in 2022.

Brief Description

To increase the quantity and quality of available shovel ready office and industrial sites in Kent County, The Right Place is proposing the creation of a $7.5 million matching grant program to assist local municipalities in the enhancement and expansion of water and wastewater infrastructure to service industrial and commercial office sites throughout the county. Leveraging The Right Place's current analysis and work in site evaluation, the organization will work with private developers and local communities throughout the county to identify potential sites that would benefit from water and wastewater extension opportunities and coordinate applications for funding through this program. As recommended, this program would be designed as a 50% matching program, in which the county would provide 50% of the water and wastewater expansion service cost. The other matching 50% of the funding would be a combination of private developer investment and public municipal investment. The goal of the program would be to fund 2-5 infrastructure projects. The program would be administered by The Right Place, in collaboration with Kent County administration, and all water and wastewater expansion and extension projects will be completed no later than December 31, 2026.

Long-Term Benefit

Establishing a water/wastewater service expansion grant matching program will result in significant benefits for a variety of beneficiaries. Specifically, four key long-term benefits include: 1. Strengthening the county's position to retain and attract large-scale business. 2. Lessen investment burden through cost sharing. 3. Strengthening the county's ability to provide jobs and economic opportunity throughout the county. 4. Increased tax base and revenue for the local community and the county.

Intended Beneficiary

The direct beneficiary of this program will be the local municipal government and its water/wastewater utility. However, through this direct beneficiary, there are numerous secondary beneficiaries including those future expanding businesses as well as new businesses locating in the region, the new jobs created by those businesses, and the tax revenue growth associated with those strategic investments.

Project Cost

Minimum Cost: $7,500,000

Maximum Cost: $7,500,000

Submitter Info

Name: Tim Mroz

Organization: The Right Place, Inc.

Project Overview

Funding Group: Infrastructure
Project Theme: Water and Sewer
Project Status: n/a
Matching Funds: 26-50%

Eligibility:

Sustainability:

Feasibility:

Impact:

Source of Funding

(Listed in main description)

Partnership

The Right Place will partner with each of the various municipalities and water/wastewater utilities in the county.

Estimated Cost

$7,500,000.00

**Source of Funding*

As mentioned previously, the funding model for this proposed program would be a 50% matching model, in which the county would provide 50% of the water and wastewater expansion service cost and be matched by a combination of private developer investment, municipal public investment, or other matching grant programs for the remaining 50%.

Project Management Experience

Since 1985, The Right Place has assisted hundreds of growing companies and developers in turning their construction vision into reality. Leveraging the organization's extensive network, our team is able to connect developers and businesses with expert local construction and financial management resources, while we manage real estate development relationships with local and state public resources. Additionally, during the COVID-19 pandemic, The Right Place was the contracted by Kent County to lead an emergency rollout of public Wi-Fi access spots throughout Kent County. Nearly 80 parks and other public places across Kent County now offer free WiFi access.

Federal Funds Experience

Specifically, The Right Place has demonstrated expertise in: CDBG Administration: The Righ Place current has 3 certified Community Development Block Grant Administrators on staff that will assist in the oversight and management of this grant. Covid-19 Emergency Small Business Grants: During the Covid-19 pandemic, The Right Place managed the oversight of 3 rounds of emergency small business grants (2 state grants, and one federal grant) totaling over $15 million. Funds were distributed to nearly 1,700 West Michigan small businesses throughout the 13-county Region 4 prosperity region. Each grant passed multiple financial audits with no findings. Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center – West: For over 30 years, The Right Place has managed the federal grant management for the local Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center - West regional office. This grant program is funded through the federal Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP). CARES Act: During the COVID-19 pandemic, The Right Place received a $600,000 CARES Act subgrant from Kent County to support specific COVID related economic development work outside the normal scope of the organization's standard services. This subgrant also received a clean audit report from the county independent auditing firm.

Studies on Impact

Although the research in the following USDA report pits urban against rural water and sewer facilities, the benefits identified by investing in water and sewer expansions cannot be denied. The report identifies both direct and indirect business beneficiaries as well as the economic impacts of such projects. https://www.ers.usda.gov/webdocs/publications/46984/19351_ra174f_1_.pdf?v=0
The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) partnered with the Value of Water Campaign to commission this study. It is part of ASCE's Failure to Act series, which began in 2011. It is one of five studies in the series that were released in 2020. This study also builds on the Value of Water Campaign's 2017 study The Economic Benefits of Investing in Water Infrastructure.
http://www.uswateralliance.org/sites/uswateralliance.org/files/publications/The%20Economic%20Benefits%20of%20Investing%20in%20Water%20Infrastructure_final.pdf

Project Cost

Minimum Cost: $7,500,000

Maximum Cost: $7,500,000

Submitter Info

Name: Tim Mroz

Organization: The Right Place, Inc.

Project Overview

Funding Group: Infrastructure
Project Theme: Water and Sewer
Project Status: n/a
Matching Funds: 26-50%

Eligibility:

Sustainability:

Feasibility:

Impact:

Source of Funding

(Listed in main description)

Partnership

The Right Place will partner with each of the various municipalities and water/wastewater utilities in the county.

Guidehouse Ranking Notes

Eligibility

Water and wastewater infrastructure must be "necessary". Site prep in qualified tracts may be eligible.

Sustainability

One time costs

Feasibility

PROJECT #80

Tyrone Township Funding Enhancement for residents of Geers/Gorby Drain district

Project Cost

Minimum Cost: $2,000,000

Maximum Cost: $5,000,000

Submitter Info

Name: Shelley A Worley

Organization: Tyrone Townshp

Project Overview

Funding Group: Infrastructure
Project Theme: Water and Sewer
Project Status: New Project
Matching Funds: No

Eligibility:

Sustainability:

Feasibility:

Impact:

Other Funding Source

n/a

Partnership

n/a

Identify the need for the proposed project

We had a Special Board meeting to discuss our Drain bill, and township citizens came out to voice their concern on the severity of bills from the Kent County Drain Commission for the Geer/Gorby Intercounty Drainage District. All the attendees were not happy with having rec'd their bills on June 29th and having them due on July 8th or be put on their tax bills for the Winter cycle.

Brief Description

This project is a vital component to save many homeowners from bankruptcy or lose of their homes; while having the infrastructure of the drain being maintained after 30 years. We are looking for 2-5 million to help these homeowners and local blueberry farmers and other apple farmers to keep their properties. We were trying to let folks know that we would go to bat for them; any possible way we could think of! This is a possible way to help them maintain their properties, during this infrastructure project.

Long-Term Benefit

The long-term benefit of this project will be to have a intercounty drain that is structurally sound. The property owners of the Drainage District(Geers/Gorby),Tyrone Twp. residents in Kent County will have a completed project.

Intended Beneficiary

The property owners of the Drainage District.

Estimated Cost

2-5 million

Project Management Experience

We have been part of a previous project, during the COVID crisis, and done well!

Federal Funds Experience

We have worked with Federal Funds, previously!

Studies on Impact

Engineers were used on this original project makeup; by the County Drain Commission.

Guidehouse Ranking Notes

Eligibility **Sustainability** **Feasibility**

Debt payment is not eligible.