

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

This Agreement is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2017, 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 City of Parma (City) 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 City 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, including administrative costs directly associated with such projects as well as costs related to repair or upgrade; and

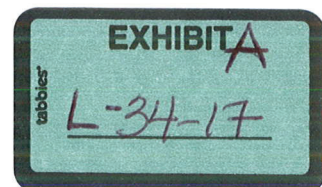
WHEREAS, the District supports the 2017 Stormwater Equipment Purchase project (the "Project") as a Community Cost-Share project proposed by the City; and

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 **City Obligations**

1.1 The City 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 City'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 Submit requests for approval to modify the budget, deadline, deliverables, or other components of the Project to the City's Watershed Team Leader at least 30 business days prior to the desired date of execution of the modification.
- 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.
- 1.3 It is understood by the City that the City's Community Cost-Share account does not contain sufficient funds to reimburse the City the entire anticipated cost of \$1,075,000.00 within 2017; thus, to be fully reimbursed the City will need to elect to apply for funding over the course of not more than five (5) years. The City may annually apply for Community Cost-Share funding for reimbursement under the Project.

Article 2.0 **District's Obligations**

- 2.1 The District agrees to perform as follows:
 - 2.1.1. Allocate \$1,075,000.00 to the City for the Project from the City's Community Cost-Share Account.
 - 2.1.2. Provide reimbursement of funds up to \$1,075,000.00 to the City within 60 days of receipt of a complete Request for Payment from the City, detailing costs related to the Project.
 - 2.1.3. The District shall reimburse the City for equipment purchase and maintenance costs paid by the City related to the stormwater equipment that is part of the Project, utilizing only such funds that are available in the City's Community Cost-Share Account for the City'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 City in presentations or publications related to the Project.

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:

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| District Representative | City Representative |
| Senior Watershed Team Leader | Jack Sparks, Public Works Coordinator |

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:

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| District Representative | City Representative |
| Director of Watershed Programs | Brian Higgins, Service Director |

- 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 law 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" – City Ordinance/Resolution

Exhibit "C" – District-Approved Community Cost Share Application

The parties have executed this Agreement on the day and year first above written.

NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT

BY: _____
Julius Ciaccia
Chief Executive Officer

AND

BY: _____
Darnell Brown, President
Board of Trustees

CITY OF PARMA

By: _____

Title: _____

Federal Taxpayer I.D. Number

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

CITY OF PARMA

Assistant/Director of Law

This Instrument Prepared By:
Katarina K. Waag
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.

CONTRACT NO.

NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER
DISTRICT

WITH

CITY OF PARMA

FOR

COMMUNITY COST-SHARE PROJECT: 2017
STORMWATER EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

Total Approximate Cost: \$1,075,000

*dependent on availability of funds from Parma
Community Cost-Share account

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

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.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Date

NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 114-13

Authorizing the Executive Director to enter into Regional Stormwater Management Program Community Cost-Share Program Agreements with Member Communities.

WHEREAS, the Code of Regulations of the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, Title V – Stormwater Management Code Chapter 9 outlines the Community Cost-Share Program developed to provide funds to District Member Communities for construction, operation and maintenance activities of community-specific stormwater management projects; and

WHEREAS, under the Community Cost-Share Program, 25% of the annual collected stormwater revenue from each Member Community will be held by the District in a Community Cost-Share account, whereby Communities, with review and approval by the District, through specific applications outlining the community-specific stormwater work to be performed can access reimbursement of their funds; and

WHEREAS, the District is seeking authority to enter into Regional Stormwater Management Program Community Cost-Share Program Agreements with Member Communities for the purpose of detailing and memorializing responsibilities of the District and Member Communities under specific applications to the Community Cost-Share Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT:

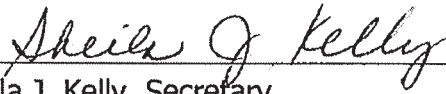
Section 1. That this Board finds that for the reasons stated in the preamble hereof it is in the best interests of the District to enter into Regional Stormwater Management Program Cost-Share Program Agreements with Member Communities to memorialize responsibilities of the District and Member Communities under specific applications to the Community Cost-Share Program.

Section 2. That this Board hereby authorizes the Executive Director to enter into Regional Stormwater Management Program Cost-Share Agreements with Member Communities to memorialize responsibilities of the District and Member Communities under specific applications to the Community Cost-Share Program under such terms and conditions that are satisfactory to the Director of Law and in the best interests of the District.

Section 3. That this Board authorizes the Executive Director to execute all documents and do all things necessary to effect the terms and conditions of the Stormwater Management Program Direct Billing Agreements with Member Communities.

Section 4. That this Board declares that all formal actions of the Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution and that all deliberations of the Board and any of its committees that resulted in said formal action were conducted in meetings open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On motion of Mayor Starr seconded by Mr. O'Malley, the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted on May 16, 2013.



Sheila J. Kelly, Secretary
Board of Trustees
Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District