

FEE WAIVER REQUEST

Fees Associated With the Holton Ditch Habitat Restoration Project:

The Franklin County Engineer requests that the City of Groveport Council waive all administrative fees related to the Hendron (Holton) Ditch Habitat Restoration Project. The County Engineer became involved with this property when his office began discussions with the former property owner to purchase a portion of the property to use for a storage annex for County Engineer's East Outpost which is located on Hendron Rd. Recognizing the larger opportunity to close the clean landfill and preserve the riparian habitat along Hendron (Holton) Ditch, the Engineer's Office applied for and was awarded a Clean Ohio Grant for the purchase, restoration and preservation of the riparian habitat located on this property. The project is wholly located within the City of Groveport and the City partnered with the County Engineer by donating a conservation easement on its adjoining parcel, the value of which was credited toward the local match required for the Clean Ohio Grant.

The project substantially benefits the City of Groveport and its residents by eliminating less than desirable landfill activity in the riparian corridor and replacing it with habitat restoration and preservation. The project helps preserve and protect utility resources valuable to the City of Groveport. The City's main sewer trunk line passes through the site and Hendron (Holton) Ditch is significant stormwater outlet for the City. Stopping the landfills projected filling activities prevents a situation where Hendron (Holton) Ditch and the City's Sanitary Sewer Easement are bordered by a 20' high wall of fill. Protecting the riparian area along the ditch helps reduce the potential for pollution or interruption of the City's stormwater outlet and will provide a water quality benefit in perpetuity. The Engineer's Office worked with City staff to ensure the conservation deed restriction language made clear and protected the City's right to maintain its existing utilities on the site.

The fees associated with the Holton Ditch Habitat Restoration Project are:

COMMERCIAL PLAN REVIEW	\$3,000.00
STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN REVIEW	\$ 350.00
MODIFICATION TO DEVELOPMENT PLAN	\$ 150.00
FLOODPLAIN PERMIT APPLICATION FEE	<u>\$ 75.00</u>
TOTAL	\$3,575.00

In addition to the benefits provided to the City by the Holton Ditch Habitat Restoration Project, the County Engineer is a valuable partner of the City's in other areas of City of Groveport operations.

Since 2009 the County Engineer has provided fuel for Groveport vehicles. To date the City has purchased approximately 83,000 gallons of gasoline and 12,000 gallons of diesel fuel. The Engineer's Office sells fuel to the City at the same price the Engineer pays which is for bulk orders. The Engineer's Office does not charge fees or add any mark up for bidding the fuel,

setting up contract, storage, distribution and billing. The Engineer's Office assumes the City benefits from approximately 20 to 25 cents per gallon savings.

In 2010 the Engineer's Office prepared specs, bid documents, took bids, awarded contract, provided inspection and processed all payments for resurfacing of Main Street for the City of Groveport. The construction cost was \$155,000 which was the only expense the Engineer asked the City to pay. The Engineer did not ask the City to reimburse him for any of the man hours invested in the project. If this had been performed by a consultant the cost would have exceeded \$20,000.

The Engineer's Office was able to sell salt to the City of Groveport in 2009 and 2014 when salt shortages rendered the City's supplier unable to meet the City's immediate salt need. In 2009 and 2014, the Engineer's Office filled the gap between City's salt need and what its supplier could provide with 114 and 23 tons of salt respectively.

Groveport Rd., from Saltzgeber Rd. to SR-317, is being resurfaced under MORPC resurfacing program proposed by the County Engineer and administered by his office at no cost to Groveport for plan preparation, bidding, awarding contract, administering the contract and inspecting the work. The total resurfacing cost is \$90,000 with the City of Groveport paying only 20% of the construction cost. The Engineer's Office is assuming 100% of the administration cost for this project, including inspection.