

Green Infrastructure Ten-Year Maintenance Covenant
for
Project Name - Contract

This Ten-Year Maintenance Covenant (Covenant) is granted by the Milwaukee (County), located at 9840 Watertown Plank Road, Wauwatosa, WI 53226 to the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (District), located at 260 West Seeboth Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204.

INTRODUCTION

- 1. The Green Infrastructure.** This Green Infrastructure Project consists of reforestation on 1.38 acres of turf located within the floodplain of the Menomonee River, at Menomonee River Parkway and W. Concordia Avenue in Wauwatosa, WI. This will include 172 native trees and shrubs, which will be planted by community volunteers. All trees and shrubs will be protected from deer and rodent browse with fencing and trunk guards. Species selected for planting are recommended and approved by the Milwaukee County Parks Natural Areas department. This Green Infrastructure is projected to sequester 238,160 pounds of CO₂ and intercept 1,044,212 gallons of stormwater in the first 40 years post-installation.

- 2. Baseline Documentation.** The condition of the green infrastructure is documented in a Baseline Report at the office of the District and incorporated into this Covenant by reference. The Baseline Report consists of reports, maps, photographs, and other documentation and provides an inventory of relevant features, characteristics, and conservation values. The Baseline Report provides an accurate representation of the condition of the green infrastructure at the time of the conveyance of this Covenant. The Baseline Report is an objective, but not exclusive, reference for monitoring compliance with the terms of this Covenant.

- 3. Conservation Intent.** County and the District share the common purpose of preserving the green infrastructure for a period of at least ten years. County intends to protect the green infrastructure. In addition, County intends to convey to the District and the District agrees to accept a right to monitor and enforce these restrictions.

MAINTENANCE COVENANT

In consideration of the facts recited above, County grants, and the District accepts a Maintenance Covenant for a period of ten years for the green infrastructure. This Covenant consists of the following terms, rights, and restrictions.

- 1. Purpose.** The purpose of this Covenant is to require County to keep, preserve and maintain the green infrastructure, as described above.

- 2. Effective Dates.** This Covenant is effective upon signatures of both the District and the County. This Covenant terminates on _____.

3. Operation and Maintenance. County will maintain the green infrastructure so that it remains functional for the entire term of this Covenant. County is solely responsible for operation, maintenance and evaluating performance.

4. Additional Reserved Rights of County. County retains all rights associated with the green infrastructure, including the right to use it and invite others to use it in any manner that is not expressly restricted or prohibited by the Covenant or inconsistent with the purpose of the Covenant. However, County may not exercise these rights in a manner that would adversely affect the green infrastructure.

County expressly reserves the right to sell, give, bequeath, mortgage, lease or otherwise encumber or convey the green infrastructure, if:

4.1 The encumbrance or conveyance is subject to the terms of this Covenant.

4.2 County incorporates the terms of this Covenant by reference in any subsequent deed or other legal instrument by which County transfers any interest in all or part of the green infrastructure.

4.3 County notifies the District of any conveyance in writing within fifteen days after the conveyance and provides the District with the name and address of the recipient of the conveyance and a copy of the legal instrument transferring rights.

4.4 Failure of County to perform any act required in Subparagraphs 4.2 or 4.3 does not impair the validity of this Covenant or limit its enforceability in any way.

5. District Rights and Remedies. To accomplish the purpose of this Covenant, County expressly conveys to the District the following rights and remedies:

5.1 Preserve Conservation Values. The District has the right to preserve and protect the green infrastructure.

5.2 Prevent Inconsistent Uses. The District has the right to prevent any activity or use of the green infrastructure that is inconsistent with the purpose of this Covenant and to require the restoration of areas or features of the green infrastructure that are damaged by any inconsistent activity or use, pursuant to the remedies set forth below.

5.3 Inspection. The District has the right to: inspect and monitor compliance with the terms of this Covenant; obtain evidence for use in seeking judicial or other enforcement of the Covenant; and otherwise exercise its rights under the Covenant. The District will: provide prior notice to County before inspecting the green infrastructure, comply with safety rules of County and avoid unreasonable disruption of the activities County.

6. Remedies for Violations. The District has the right to enforce the terms of this Covenant and

prevent or remedy violations through appropriate legal proceedings.

6.1 Notice of Problems. If the District identifies problems with the green infrastructure, then the District will initially attempt to resolve the problems collaboratively. The District will notify County of the problems and request remedial action within a reasonable time.

6.2 Notice of Violation and Corrective Action. If the District determines that a violation of the terms of this Covenant has occurred or is threatened, then the District will give written notice of the violation or threatened violation and allow at least thirty (30) days to correct the violation. If County fails to respond, then the District may initiate judicial action. The requirement for an initial notice of violation does not apply if, in the discretion of the District, immediate judicial action is necessary to prevent or mitigate significant damage to the green infrastructure or if good faith efforts to notify County are unsuccessful.

6.3 Remedies. When enforcing this Covenant, the remedies available to the District include: temporary or permanent injunctive relief for any violation or threatened violation of the Covenant, the right to require restoration of the green infrastructure to its condition at the time of the conveyance of this Covenant, specific performance, declaratory relief and recovery of damages resulting from a violation of the Covenant or injury to the green infrastructure.

6.4 Non-Waiver. A delay or prior failure of the District to discover a violation or initiate enforcement proceedings does not waive or forfeit the right to take any action necessary to assure compliance with the terms of this Covenant.

6.5 Waiver of Certain Defenses. County waives any defense of laches, such as failure by the District to enforce any term of the Covenant, and estoppel, such as a contradictory statement or action by the District.

6.6 Acts Beyond the Control of County. The District may not bring any action against County for any injury or change in the green infrastructure resulting from causes beyond the control of County, including, but not limited to, vandalism, natural disasters such as fire, flood, storm, natural earth movement and natural deterioration, or prudent actions taken by County under emergency conditions to prevent or mitigate damage from such causes, provided that County notifies the District of any occurrence that has adversely affected or interfered with the purpose of this Covenant.

7. Amendment. At any time, County and the District may jointly amend this Covenant in a written instrument executed by both parties. However, no amendment will be allowed if, in the judgment of the District, it:

7.1 diminishes the green infrastructure,

7.2 is inconsistent with the purpose of the Covenant,

7.3 affects the duration of the Covenant, or

7.4 affects the validity of the Covenant.

8. Assignment. The District may convey, assign or transfer its interests in this Covenant to a unit of federal, state or local government or to an organization that is qualified within the meaning of Section 170(h)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and in the related regulations or any successor provisions then applicable. As a condition of any assignment or transfer, any future holder of this Covenant is required to carry out its purpose for the remainder of its term. The District will notify County of any assignment at least thirty days before the date of such assignment. However, failure to give such notice does not affect the validity of assignment or limit its enforceability in any way.

9. Captions. The captions in this Covenant have been inserted solely for convenience of reference and are not part of the Covenant and have no effect on construction or interpretation.

10. Controlling Law and Liberal Construction. The laws of the State of Wisconsin govern the interpretation and performance of this Covenant. Ambiguities in this Covenant will be construed in a manner that best effectuates the purpose of the Covenant and protection of the green infrastructure.

11. Counterparts. County and the District may execute this Covenant in two or more counterparts, which will, in the aggregate, be signed by both parties. Each counterpart is an original document.

12. Entire Agreement. This Covenant sets forth the entire agreement between County and the District with respect to this Covenant and supersedes all prior discussions, negotiations, understandings, or agreements relating to the Covenant.

13. Extinguishment. This Covenant may be terminated or extinguished before the expiration of its term, in whole or in part, only through judicial proceedings in a court of competent jurisdiction. Furthermore, the Covenant may be extinguished only if County and the District agree that a subsequent unexpected change in the condition of or surrounding the green infrastructure makes accomplishing the purpose of the Covenant impossible.

14. Ownership Responsibilities, Costs, and Liabilities. County retains all responsibilities and will bear all costs and liabilities related to the ownership of the green infrastructure, including, but not limited to, the following:

14.1 Operation, upkeep, and maintenance. County is responsible for the operation, upkeep and maintenance of the green infrastructure.

14.2 Control. In the absence of a judicial decree, nothing in this Covenant establishes any right or ability in the District to:

- a. exercise physical or managerial control over the day-to-day operations of the green infrastructure;
- b. become involved in the management decisions of County regarding the generation, handling or disposal of hazardous substances; or
- c. otherwise become an operator of the green infrastructure within the meaning of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (“CERCLA”), or similar laws imposing legal liability on the owner or operator of the green infrastructure.

14.3 Permits. County is solely responsible for obtaining applicable government permits and approvals for any construction or other activity or use permitted by this Covenant. During construction or any other activity, County will comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations, and requirements.

14.4 Indemnification. County releases and will hold harmless, indemnify and defend the District and its members, directors, officers, employees, agents and contractors and the heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns of each of them (collectively “Indemnified Parties”) from and against any and all liabilities, penalties, fines, charges, costs, losses, damages, expenses, causes of action, claims, demands, judgments or administrative actions, including, without limitation, reasonable attorney fees, arising from or in any way connected with:

- a. injury to or the death of any person, or physical damage to the green infrastructure resulting from any act, omission, condition, or other matter related to or occurring on or about the green infrastructure, regardless of cause, unless due solely to the negligence of any of the Indemnified Parties;
- b. the violation or alleged violation of, or other failure to comply with, any state, federal or local law, regulation, including without limitation, CERCLA, by any person other than the Indemnified Parties, in any way affecting, involving, or related to the green infrastructure; or
- c. the presence or release in, on, from, or about the green infrastructure, at any time, of any substance now or hereafter defined, listed, or otherwise classified pursuant to any federal, state, or local law, regulation, or requirement as hazardous, toxic, polluting, or otherwise contaminating to the air, water, or soil, or in any way harmful or threatening to human health or the environment, unless caused solely by any of the Indemnified Parties.

Nothing in this agreement is intended to be a waiver or estoppel of County or its insurer to rely upon the limitations, defenses, and immunities contained within Wisconsin law, including those contained within Wisconsin Statutes secs. 893.80, 895.52, and 345.05. To the extent that indemnification is available and enforceable, County or its insurer will not be liable in indemnity

or contribution for an amount greater than the limits of liability for municipal claims established by Wisconsin Law.

15. Severability. If any provision or specific application of this Covenant is found to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then the remaining provisions or specific applications of this Covenant will remain valid and binding.

16. Successors. This Covenant is binding upon and inures to the benefit of County and the District and their respective personal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns and will continue as a servitude running with the green infrastructure for the term of the Covenant.

17. Terms. Wherever used in this Covenant, the terms "County" and "District" include the respective personal representatives, heirs, successors, and assigns of County and the District.

**MILWAUKEE METROPOLITAN
SEWERAGE DISTRICT**

COUNTY OF _____

By: _____

Kevin L. Shafer, P.E.
Executive Director

By: _____

Name
Title

Date: _____

Date: _____

Approved as to Form

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Attorney for the District

By: _____

Attorney for _____

Exhibit A

PROJECT NAME