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DATE: April 11, 2022

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Norma V. Drummond
Commissioner of Planning

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the agreement between the County of Westchester and SLR Engineering, Landscape Architecture and Land Surveying, P.C. to develop a Bronx River Dams Management Plan.

The attached resolution, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into an agreement with SLR Engineering, Landscape Architecture and Land Surveying, P.C. ("SLR"), pursuant to which SLR will develop a Bronx River Dams Management Plan (the "Plan") for a term commencing on May 1, 2022 and continuing through April 30, 2023. In consideration for services to be rendered, the County will pay SLR an amount not-to-exceed of \$89,830.00, payable pursuant to an approved budget (the "Agreement"). The Plan will serve as the guide for future implementation of critical river management and activities within the County-owned Bronx River Parkway Reservation corridor in Westchester County.

The work that SLR will provide will include, but is not limited to, preparing a master plan evaluation for multiple dams in Westchester County, provide tools necessary for the County to make high-level assessment of dams along the Bronx River and the adjacent Bronx River Parkway. SLR will also provide field investigations and data collection for the dams' safety, for reporting to the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the State Historic Preservation Office of the Bronx River.

The goal and objective of this agreement is to develop a management plan to improve the water quality of a degraded river by making recommendations for minimizing pollutants entering the river and reducing the risk of damages and other impacts from flooding along the river, thereby addressing adverse public health, safety and welfare conditions that currently exist in the Bronx River corridor. The project will be monitored by Department of Planning staff who will review all payment requests to make sure all contractual requirements are met.

The Department has complied with the County Procurement Policy. On February 1, 2022 the Department issued a Request for Proposals ("RFP") seeking qualified engineering firms to develop the Plan. In addition to posting the RFP on the County's website, the Department also sent emails announcing the RFP specifications to potential proposers. Three (3) proposals were submitted in response to the RFP from

the following engineering firms: Field Geology Services, Biohabitats and SLR. Following a review of all three proposals with reference to the evaluation criteria set forth in the RFP, it was determined that SLR submitted the lowest price quote and otherwise met the project specifications.

Accordingly, I recommend approval of the attached resolution.

NVD/cp/rd
Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 05/05/2022 - RAYMOND SCULKY, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

UPON A COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING, BE IT HEREBY

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester ("County") is authorized to enter into an agreement with SLR Engineering, Landscape Architecture and Land Surveying, P.C. ("SLR"), pursuant to which SLR will develop a Bronx River Dams Management Plan which will serve as the guide for future implementation of critical river management and activities within the County-owned Bronx River Parkway Reservation corridor in Westchester County, for the period from May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023 for an amount not to exceed of \$89,830.00, to be paid pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is authorized to execute any agreements, documents and take any actions necessary to effectuate purposes hereof.

Account to be
Charged/Credited

		Major Program, Program & Phase	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	
Fund	Dept.	Or Unit			Dollars
263	19	801	4380	T801	\$89,830

Budget Funding Year(s)
(must match resolution)

FY 2022

Start Date: May 1, 2022

End Date: April 30, 2023

Funding Source

Tax Dollars _____

State Aid \$89,830

\$89,830
(must match resolution)

Federal Aid _____

Other _____