



March 21, 2017

Arcadia Township Board  
Arcadia Township  
P.O. Box 318  
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Arcadia, MI 49613

**RE: Arcadia Township Wastewater Planning Grant – MDEQ SAW Grant Agreement 1631-01**

Dear Board Members,

This letter is intended to confirm the status of the MDEQ Saw Grant, the work completed to date by Fleis & VandenBrink (F&V) and the outstanding tasks to be completed.

The original MDEQ SAW Grant was awarded for a *New Sewer System Evaluation* in a letter dated November 12, 2014 with an original budget of \$112,600 and a deliverable of a State Revolving Fund Project Plan. The Grant period is for 3 years with a deadline of October 31, 2017.

The work completed to date by F&V includes all research, data collection, needs and feasibility study, collection and treatment system alternatives and preliminary construction cost estimates. Although the required deliverable of a State Revolving Fund Project Plan is indicated in the award letter from the MDEQ, due to more favorable funding terms, Arcadia Township has determined that an application to USDA/RD is more feasible. In speaking with Izabel Hartman, the MDEQ Project Manager, we learned that the MDEQ will accept a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) and associated Environmental Review (ER) to meet the deliverable requirement indicated in the grant agreement.

The remaining tasks needed to complete the ER include selection of properties by the Township to further evaluate the ability to construct a Waste Water Treatment Facility. F&V will coordinate this Environmental Review of the selected properties with R-CAP who will need at least 90 days to complete the required investigation and reporting. Once the ER is complete, we can finalize the PER to meet the requirement of the SAW Grant and proceed to make an application if the Township desires to move forward. In order to meet the SAW Grant deadline, the Township needs to provide timely selection of preferred treatment properties.

F&V continues to be committed to Arcadia Township and will complete the project scope of work under the original terms as agreed upon for the remaining budget of \$913.52.

Respectfully,

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