



February 14, 2025

Colonel Jeremy J. Chapman  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District  
Attn: CESAM-PD  
109 Saint Joseph Street  
Mobile, Alabama 36602

RE: Poplar Creek, Smyrna, Georgia, including Jonquil Drive Stormwater Park

Dear Sir:

The City of Smyrna is willing and able to participate as the Sponsor for the Poplar Creek, Smyrna, Georgia, including Jonquil Drive Stormwater Park, in partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), to cooperatively investigate the feasibility of a regional stormwater attenuation facility to reduce peak flood elevations and mitigate potential flood hazard risks within the Poplar Creek watershed in the City of Smyrna in Cobb County, GA.

The City of Smyrna understands that a study cannot be initiated unless it is selected as a new study with associated allocation of federal funds provided through the annual Congressional appropriations process. If selected, we intend to sign a cost sharing agreement to initiate the study with USACE. It is our understanding that the cost sharing agreement targets completion of the study within 3 years at a total cost of no more than \$3 million. After signing the cost sharing agreement, a Project Management Plan will be developed and agreed upon by the City of Smyrna and USACE. The study will be conducted and managed by USACE. The cost-sharing for the study is based on a 50% contribution by the federal government, with our agency's 50% contribution provided in cash, in-kind services, or a combination of both.

The City of Smyrna is aware that this letter constitutes an expression of intent to initiate a study partnership to address the specified water resources problems and is not a contractual obligation. We understand that work on the study cannot commence until it is included in the Administration's budget request, funds are appropriated by the Congress, and a cost sharing agreement is signed. It is understood that we or USACE may opt to discontinue the study at any time after the agreement is signed, however we will commit to work together as partners from the scoping phase, and subsequent decision points throughout the study, on providing the necessary support for risk-informed decision making. If it is determined that additional time or funding is necessary to support decisions to be made to complete the study, the City of Smyrna will work with USACE to determine the appropriate course of action.

**Mayor** | Derek Norton

**City Council** | Glenn Pickens (Ward 1), Latonia P. Hines (Ward 2), Travis Lindley (Ward 3), Charles (Corkey) Welch (Ward 4),

Susan Wilkinson (Ward 5), Tim Gould (Ward 6 / Mayor Pro Tem), Rickey N. Oglesby Jr. (Ward 7)



If you require additional information, please contact: Eric Randall, PE, CFM at [erandall@smyrnaga.gov](mailto:erandall@smyrnaga.gov) or at 678-631-5450.

Sincerely,

Signer  
Title  
City of Smyrna

Cc: