

May 16, 2016

Richard J. Kos
Mayor

Michael L. Bachand, P.E.
Levee Safety Program Manager
United States Army Corps of Engineers
New England District
696 Virginia Road
Concord, Massachusetts 01742

Re: **City of Chicopee
Chicopee Falls – Flood Control Works
Intent to Apply for Section 408 Approval**

Dear Mr. Bachand:

The City of Chicopee is proposing to backfill the lower tier of the former Uniroyal property in Chicopee with excess construction soils prior to redevelopment. Earlier this year we discussed the proposal with you at an initial coordination meeting attended by City Department of Public Works and Community Development staff, our Consultants, BETA Group Inc., and Special Environmental Counsel, Louis Moore. We believe that the proposed backfilling can be done safely and cost effectively to enhance the property and eliminate long term operating and maintenance costs related to the flood control structure.

Please consider this the City's Letter of Intent to Apply for Approval under 33 U.S.C., § 408. It is the City's understanding that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will assign staff to this project to provide assistance with and coordination of the necessary permitting and approval requirements. We are proceeding with the technical review and initiating design calculations for the proposal. We will be working with designated USACE staff on these issues as well as coordinating on real estate issues and permitting requirements.

Accordingly, I am requesting that you advise Michael Vedovelli, the City's Director of Community Development, of the USACE technical and legal staff assigned to this project. In the meantime, please contact Mr. Vedovelli at (413) 594-1489 or mvedovelli@chicopeema.gov with any questions or concerns related to this matter.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Jeff Neece, Chicopee DPW
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