

(LETTERHEAD OF LOCAL SPONSOR)

(CURRENT DATE)

Ms. Sharon Bond
Chief, Planning Branch
U.S. Army Engineer District, Louisville
P.O. Box 59
Louisville, Kentucky 40201-0059

Dear Ms. Bond:

The (City of _____, Town of _____, County of _____) hereinafter called the "Sponsor", is interested in obtaining Corps of Engineers assistance in a potential environmental restoration project at (provide location) under authority of **Section 1135 (b) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, as amended.** *(Briefly discuss need for study and nature, extent, and Corps project's relationship to the problem and any other available information.)*

a. Preliminary Restoration Plan. The Corps will initiate the preparation of a Preliminary Restoration Plan (PRP) after receipt of this letter of intent and subject to availability of funds. The PRP will include a discussion of the existing project features or functions being modified, and/or a description of the degradation attributed to the project. The nature and scope of the ecosystem restoration features are outlined, the outputs projected based on an analysis of with and without project conditions, and the importance of these outputs discussed. The cost of the PRP will be limited to \$10,000, and will be Federally financed. These funds will not be considered part of the total project cost and will not be cost shared. For projects with a Federal cost of \$1,000,000, or less, the PRP will serve as the basis for initiation of a combined planning and design phase resulting in environmental compliance documentation and plans and specifications.

b. Feasibility Study. For projects with a Federal cost of more than \$1,000,000, the Corps will conduct a feasibility study. The feasibility study will be cost-shared with the non-Federal sponsor on a 75/25 basis. The costs of the feasibility study are initially Federally funded, and are collected with the construction cost share.

c. Plans and Specifications. Detailed design and preparation of plans and specifications are treated as part of total project costs for the purpose of cost sharing and the non-Federal cost share for these activities is collected with the construction cost share.

d. Non-Federal Share of Construction. The non-Federal share of the costs of section 1135 modifications shall be 25 percent. The sponsor shall provide lands, easements, rights-of-way, relocations, and disposal areas that are not otherwise available due to the construction and operation of the existing project. Not more than 80 percent of the non-Federal share of the total project cost may be credit for work-in-kind.

We understand that the Corps will initiate the Preliminary Restoration Plan after receipt of this letter of intent and subject to availability of funds. We are also aware that the local sponsor is responsible for operating and maintaining the project upon completion of construction and that the Corps will inspect the project periodically following construction.

This letter constitutes an expression of intent and not a contractual obligation and we understand

that the Sponsor or the Corps may opt to discontinue the project development process prior to the execution of the Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA) which occurs at the end of the Planning, Design and Analysis, prior to award of a construction contract.

If you need additional information, please contact: (designee) at (telephone number).

Signed by the Chief Executive Officer
and Legal Counsel for the Non-Federal Sponsor

cc: Louisville District Corps of Engineers
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