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**Re: Hamilton County Storm Water Study**

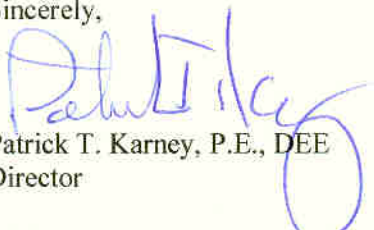
The Hamilton County Storm Water Study was initiated in 2001 at the direction of the Board of County Commissioners in response to the USEPA NPDES Phase II Storm Water Permit Program. MSD of Greater Cincinnati was tasked with project management of that study. Following review of statements of qualifications and interviews with selected firms, the team of FMSM Engineers and Environmental Rate Consultants was selected to facilitate this two-year study.

Over the course of the next two years, the FMSM / ERC Team met monthly with a Steering Committee representing local governments and other interested parties. Senior Managers from both FMSM and ERC facilitated this planning process and provided Issue Papers and other materials to assist the group in reaching consensus on critical decisions. As part of the Scope of Services, the FMSM / ERC Team prepared model ordinances, regulations and Best Management Practices (BMP's) along with the permit application for evaluation by the Committee members.

The FMSM / ERC Team also outlined alternative management strategies to administer the Phase II Program. As a result of this effort, in February 2003 the Board of County Commissioners approved formation of a countywide Storm Water District chartered under section 6117 of the Ohio Revised Code. An indication of the success of the FMSM / ERC Team's efforts was that forty-five of the fifty local governments in Hamilton County agreed to join the new Storm Water District.

I personally participated in the Steering Committee meetings and met on a regular basis with the project Team members to discuss issues related to the study. Based upon my personal involvement and those members of my staff who participated in the process, I would highly recommend the FMSM /ERC Team to local governments that are attempting to address storm water related issues.

Sincerely,

  
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