



May 4, 2015

Scott Fogleman
Town Manager
Town of Blowing Rock
Post Office Box 47
Blowing Rock, North Carolina 28605

Re: Award Recommendation
Sunset/Cornish Drainage Repairs
Blowing Rock, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Fogleman:

On April 30, 2015, three (3) informal bids were received for replacement of culverts at the intersection of Sunset and Cornish, along with related roadway repairs. M & M Construction of Banner Elk, Inc., (M & M) was the lowest responsive, responsible bidder with a bid amount of \$21,625.00. The project includes removal of several failing culverts, installation of new culverts along the stream, surface stabilization, pavement repairs, stream restoration, and all related appurtenances. To better protect the road and traffic, the culverts along the stream are being extended by 20-feet to allow for more road shoulder. The photo to the right shows the portion of the intersection to be improved. The wider road shoulder will also provide cover for the shallow sewer line, exposed in the photo. Road closure, projected to be five (5) working days, is expected during construction, to allow for culvert replacement and paving.



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M & M has successfully performed work on other projects for the Town of Blowing Rock and McGill Associates in the past. They are appropriately licensed with the North Carolina General Contractor Board and are capable of performing the work associated with this project. Therefore, we recommend that the Town of Blowing Rock award the project to M & M Construction of Banner Elk, Inc. in the amount of \$21,625.00 to be funded with Transportation General Obligation Bond funding approved in the fall of 2014.

In addition to the work outlined above, in recent weeks the stream just below this intersection has migrated closer to Sunset and even caused a small failure along the edge of pavement (see photo to the right). Upon reviewing the area, options for repairs are limited due to the proximity of a large tree to the roadway and extensive bedrock in the stream. We are proposing some selective stream restoration (placement of strategic native rock to armor the road) along the Sunset side of the creek and repairs to the pavement. We recommend that \$10,000 be allocated for this work, also funded with the Transportation General Obligation Bond monies.



If you have any questions regarding this letter of recommendation, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to working with you and the Town of Blowing Rock through the construction phase of this important project.

Sincerely,
McGILL ASSOCIATES, P.A.



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