

Memorandum – City of Gulfport

To: Connie Debenport, Purchasing

CC: Mayor Billy Hewes

Dr. John Kelly, CAO

Scott Wilson, Finance

From: Kris Riemann, P.E. *RKR*

Date: 1/8/14

**Re: Request to Amend “Assurances Relating to Real Property Acquisition Form”
with the Natural Resources Conservation Service
- 13270 River Road and Lynn Avenue
- Emergency Watershed Protection Project**

Attached for your consideration is an amendment to the NRCS-ADS-78 Assurances Relating to Real Property Acquisition Form to the agreement related to the above referenced project. This amendment is necessary due to the City staff completing the construction prior to NRCS beginning the project. The erosion at Karen Court reached the point that Public Works was required to make the repair immediately. Therefore, NRCS is requiring that Karen Court be removed from the existing NRCS document. The River Road and Lynn Avenue projects will continue as planned.

The repairs will be funded 75% by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) with the remaining 25% to be paid by the City.

Please place this item on the January 21, 2014 City Council Agenda.

Attachments:

1. Amended NRCS-ADS-78

**ASSURANCES RELATING TO
REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION**

A. PURPOSE - This form is to be used by sponsor(s) to provide the assurances to the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture which is required in connection with the installation project measures which involve Federal financial assistance furnished by the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

B. PROJECT MEASURES COVERED -

Name of project DSR 280471203, 280471202

Identity of improvement or development: Erosion Control

Location Harrison Co. - Site(s): 13270 River Road & Lynn Avenue

C. REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION ASSURANCE -

This assurance is applicable if real property interests were acquired for the installation of project measures, and/or if persons, businesses, or farm operations were displaced as a result of such installation; and this assurance was not previously provided for in the watershed, project measure, or other type of plan.

If this assurance was not previously provided, the undersigned sponsor(s) hereby assures they have complied, to the extent practicable under State law, with the requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655), as implemented in 7 C.F.R. Part 21. Any exceptions taken from the real property acquisition requirements under the authority of 42 U.S.C. 4655 because of State law have been or is hereby furnished to the Natural Resources Conservation Service along with the opinion of the Chief Legal Officer of the State containing a full discussion of the facts and law furnished.

D. ASSURANCE OF ADEQUACY OF REAL PROPERTY RIGHTS -

The undersigned sponsor(s) hereby assures that adequate real property rights and interests, water rights if applicable, permits and licenses required by Federal, State, and local law, ordinance or regulation, and related actions have been taken to obtain the legal right to install, operate, maintain, inspect and inspect the above-described project measures, except for structures or improvements that are to be removed, relocated, modified, or salvaged before and/or during the installation process.

This assurance is given with the knowledge that sponsor(s) are responsible for any excess costs or other consequences in the event the real property rights are found to be inadequate during the installation process.

Furthermore, this assurance is supported by an attorney's opinion attached hereto that certifies an examination of the real property instruments and files was made and they were found to provide adequate title, right, permission and authority for the purpose(s) for which the property was acquired.

If any of the real property rights or interests were obtained by condemnation (eminent domain) proceedings, sponsor(s) further assure and agree to prosecute the proceedings to a final conclusion and pay such damages as awarded by the court.

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City of Gulfport
(Name of Sponsor)

By: _____
(Signature)

Title: _____

Date: _____

This action is authorized at an official meeting

of the _____

on ____ day of _____, 20____

State of Mississippi

Attest

(Name)

(Title)

ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0042), Washington, DC 20503.

PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. SEND IT TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED BY THE SPONSORING AGENCY.

NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title, or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal interest in the title of real property in accordance with awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progress reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681 1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and, (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE	
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED December 20, 2013	