

**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

R E S O L U T I O N #25-188

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH ONE WATER
CONSULTING, LLC FOR THE LOWER MILLSTONE RIVER WATERSHED
IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Township of Hopewell, as well as all municipalities, is required by the 2023 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit to develop a Watershed Improvement Plan (WIP) to reduce flooding, reduce water pollution, meet the pollution reduction goals in Total Maximum Daily Loads, and achieve designated uses for waterways within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Environmental Protection encourages municipalities to interact with their neighboring municipalities and to develop Watershed Improvement Plans on a regional basis; and

WHEREAS, the proposed watershed management plan would study the current status of water quality in the Lower Millstone River Watershed and its tributaries; develop a matrix of best management practices (stormwater management systems) to address the water pollution impairments and flooding; and identify potential locations, projects, and costs within the watershed to reduce water pollution and flooding; and

WHEREAS, the proposed agreement would help the Township of Hopewell meet many of the obligations of the MS4 permit to develop the WIP; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that a regional approach for the Lower Millstone River Watershed will reduce costs in the development and implementation of the Watershed Improvement Plan by facilitating a collaborative effort, as opposed to each municipality conducting the required studies and project development independently; and

WHEREAS, Hopewell Township, through its professionals, has been engaging with the participants of the Lower Millstone River Watershed work group organized by The Watershed Institute since October 2024, to discuss issues of stormwater management, flooding, and water pollution; and

WHEREAS, One Water Consulting, LLC, has proposed to develop the watershed management plan for the Lower Millstone River for a total cost of \$254,300, with the Township of Hopewell's share not to exceed \$4,960.00 (2.0% of the total proposed budget); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) of the Local Public Contracts Law, the Township of Hopewell may award a contract for professional services without public advertising for bids; and

WHEREAS, this contract is not being awarded as a "fair and open" contract as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5, the Township of Hopewell may award a non-fair and open contract to a business entity if, during the preceding one-year period, that business entity has not made a contribution that is reportable by the recipient under P.L. 1973, c.83, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1 et seq., to any municipal committee of a political party in that municipality if a member of that political party is serving in an elective public office of that municipality when the contract is awarded, or to any candidate committee of any person serving in an elective public office of that municipality when the contract is awarded; and

WHEREAS, One Water Consulting, LLC, has completed and submitted the required pay-to-play forms, which certify that One Water has not made any reportable contributions to a candidate committee in Hopewell Township in the previous year, and that the contract will prohibit One Water from making any reportable contributions during the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that the Township of Hopewell has appropriated sufficient funds for these services in account; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract shall be for eighteen (18) months.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement for the Lower Millstone River Watershed Management Plan with One Water Consulting, LLC, for an amount not to exceed \$4,960.00, without competitive bidding, as a Professional Service in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i).
2. The term of this contract shall be for eighteen (18) months.
3. A copy of this Resolution, Pay-to-Play Forms, and contract will be kept on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

Date Adopted: May 5, 2025

CERTIFICATION

I, Katherine Fenton-Newman, Municipal Clerk, of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township Committee at the regular meeting held on the 5th day of May, 2025, in the Municipal Building Auditorium, Hopewell Township, New Jersey and via Zoom Video Communications.



Katherine Fenton-Newman, RMC
Municipal Clerk