

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2016, the Township of West Orange (the “Township”) adopted Resolution 121-16 appointing Matrix New World (“Matrix”), with offices at 26 Columbia Turnpike, Florham Park, New Jersey as the Licensed Site Remediation Professional (the “LSRP”) to assist and oversee the investigation and cleanup of certain properties on the Central Avenue (the “Redevelopment Area”) as to the suspected discharge of hazardous substances or hazardous waste; and

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2016, the Township of West Orange (the “Township”) adopted Resolution 228-16 designating the Redevelopment Area as an area in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the property at 8-10 Central Avenue, Block 9, Lot 32 and the property at 18 Central Avenue, Block 9, Lot 36 on the Township Tax Map (the “Properties”) was included in the Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, on October 2, 2018, the Township acquired title to the Properties; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2019, the Township adopted Resolution 299-19 to authorize Matrix to perform the Preliminary Assessment and Site Investigations on the Property utilizing grant funds awarded in the amount of \$63,956.20 by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection/New Jersey Economic Development Authority (the “DEP”) Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Funds (the “HDSRF”) Program; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Preliminary Assessment and Site Investigation of the Property, Matrix prepared a proposed Remedial Investigation Work Plan to finalize the environmental investigation of the Properties so that a plan for Remedial Action can be prepared; and

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2020, the Township adopted Resolution 227-20 which authorized Matrix to prepare and submit an application to the HDSRF Program for grants funds in the amount of \$195,126 to implement the Remedial Investigation of the Properties and prepare a Remedial Action Workplan for the Properties; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated January 27, 2021, the DEP issued a letter to the Township advising that it has approved the application for the \$195,126 grant funds to implement the Remedial Investigation of the Property and prepare a Remedial Action Workplan for the Properties; and

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2021, the Township of West Orange adopted Resolution 31-21 authorizing Matrix to implement the Remedial Investigation of the Properties and prepare a Remedial Action Workplan for the Properties utilizing the \$195,126 HDSRF grant awarded by the DEP; and

WHEREAS, Matrix has submitted to the Township a proposal to implement Remedial Action Activities of the Property and prepare a Remedial Action Reports for the Properties at a rate not to exceed \$4,440,480; and

WHEREAS, to finalize the receipt of the \$3,330,360 HDSRF grant funds to implement the Remedial Action Activities of the Properties and prepare a Remedial Action Reports for the Properties, the Township must: (i) submit to the DEP an application fee in the amount of \$500; and (ii) formally retain Matrix to implement the Remedial Action Activities of the Properties and prepare a Remedial Action Reports for the Properties; and

WHEREAS, Matrix has submitted to the Township a proposal to implement the Remedial Action Activities of the Property and prepare a Remedial Action Reports for the Properties at a rate not to exceed \$4,440,480, Exhibit “A” annexed hereto.

NOW, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE, that the Township be and is hereby authorized to retain Matrix to implement the Remedial Action Activities of the Properties and prepare a Remedial Action Report for the Properties utilizing the \$3,330,360 HDSRF grant awarded by the DEP pursuant to the proposal annexed hereto as Exhibit “A;” and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the acceptance of the Proposal annexed hereto as Exhibit “A,” and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk is authorized to attest to the Mayor's signature; and be it further

RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be made available in the Clerk's Office for reasonable inspection in accordance with applicable law.

Karen J. Carnevale, R.M.C.
Township Clerk

Tammy Williams
Council President

Adopted: December 19, 2023

I hereby certify funds are available from:

Account No.

John Gross, Chief Financial Officer