



COUNTY OF KENOSHA

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ARCHITECTURE, INC.

March 30, 2000

Mr. Gene E. Park
Community Services Specialist
State of Wisconsin
Dept. of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 12436
Milwaukee, WI 53212

*608 266 7038
Reporter*

RE: Meyer Materials Property for Park in Kenosha County
Stewardship Open Project Selection Process
State Grant under 1999-00 Urban Rivers and Stream Bank Protection; \$303,500

Status + signed Just Compensation Statement

Dear Mr. Park:

Enclosed please find an original, completed Just Compensation Statement, signed by Kenosha County Executive Allan Kehl and seller Meyer Materials' representative, Mr. Steven Warnke. During our phone conversation this morning you indicated that the current status of the grant application had a favorable DNR recommendation for Kenosha County to be offered the grant going to the State Legislature's Joint Finance Committee. (This step is required for all grants over \$250,000.) The Joint Finance Committee has 14 days to "deny" the grant, and if they take no action the grant is approved.

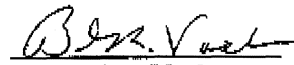
If approved, you estimate that the earliest date Kenosha County might receive a letter from Governor Thompson awarding the grant would be the end of April, 2000. Kenosha County would need to sign an agreement accepting the grant and its terms and conditions. You have cautioned us **NOT TO RECEIVE A DEED ON THE PROPERTY UNTIL WE HAVE A SIGNED GRANT AGREEMENT** with the State. We can, however, enter into an Offer to Purchase with the Seller, contingent upon receiving the state grant, as set forth in your July 7, 1999 letter.

Kenosha County and Meyer Materials are attempting to determine the true amount of "restoration costs" required on the property, much of which centers on the engineering reports on the earthen embankment, and how much top soil will be needed. Once these costs are known, we will submit a signed agreement to the original state appraiser, Mr. Stefanik, and request a formal amendment to the appraisal. At the time of the original

appraisal, the restoration costs were pretty much a complete guess. We would hope to increase the grant thereby, but not unduly delay the grant proceeds.

Your guidance in this grant process is greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact George Melcher or the undersigned at your convenience for any matters related to this grant application. We will endeavor to keep you informed of the status of negotiations and related transactions.

Sincerely,


Bernard R. Vash

Cc:

- ✓ Mr. Allan K. Kehl, County Executive
- Mr. George Melcher, Director of Planning & Development
- Mr. Fred Patie, Director of Public Works

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