

Inspection and Maintenance Agreement

(I&M Agreement)

City of Morristown, TN
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THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 20____, by and between _____ hereinafter called the "Landowner", and
(Insert Full Name of Owner)
the City of Morristown, TN hereinafter called "City".

WITNESSETH, that

WHEREAS, the Landowner is the owner of certain property described as _____

_____ as recorded by deed in the last land records of
(Insert Hamblen County Tax & Parcel Number)

Hamblen County, TN, Deed Book _____ Page _____, hereafter called the "Property".

WHEREAS, the Landowner is proceeding to build on and develop the property; and

WHEREAS, the Site Plan/Subdivision known as _____
(Name of Plan/Development)

hereafter called the "Plan", which is expressly made a part hereof, as approved or to be approved by the City, provides for management of stormwater within the confines of the property; and

WHEREAS, the City and the Landowner, its successors and assigns, agree that the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City of Morristown, Tennessee, require that on-site stormwater management/BMP facilities be constructed and maintained on the Property; and

WHEREAS, the City requires that on-site stormwater management/BMP facilities, as shown on the Plan, be constructed and adequately maintained by the Landowner, its successors and assigns.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises, the mutual covenants contained herein, and the following terms and conditions, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The on-site stormwater management/BMP facilities shall be constructed by the Landowner, its successors, and assigns, in accordance with the plans and specifications identified in the Plan and shall, upon construction completion, be certified as such by the Plan's Engineer of Record.
2. The Landowner, its successors, and assigns, shall adequately maintain the stormwater management/BMP facilities as outlined in the Plan and contained within the Landowner's property. This includes all pipes and channels built to convey stormwater to and from the facility, as well as all structures, improvements, and vegetation provided to control the quantity and quality of the stormwater. Adequate maintenance is herein defined as good working condition, so that these facilities

are performing their design functions. Those maintenance procedures outlined in the Plan and the City's approved BMP guidelines shall be practiced at a minimum. Common maintenance shall include the removal of debris (leaves, lawn clippings, sticks, etc.) and trash after rainfall events, checking outlet structures for clogging and cleaning, as necessary, repairing erosive areas promptly upon observation, and removing accumulated sediment.

3. The Landowner, its successors, and assigns, shall inspect the stormwater management/BMP facility and report to the City Engineer if any major repairs (i.e. structural) are necessary. The purpose of the inspection and reporting is to assure safe and proper functioning of the facilities. The inspection shall cover the entire facilities, berms, outlet structure, pond areas, access roads, etc and shall be performed at such times and such manner as to accomplish these objectives.
4. The Landowner, its successors, and assigns, will perform the work necessary to keep these facilities in good working order as appropriate. In the event a maintenance schedule for the stormwater management/BMP facilities (including sediment removal) is outlined on the approved plans or in the City's BMP guidelines, the Landowner, its successors, and assigns, shall adhere to the schedule.
5. The Landowner, its successors, and assigns, hereby grant an easement to the City, its authorized agents, and employees, to enter upon the Property and to inspect the stormwater management/BMP facilities whenever the City deems necessary. The purpose of inspection may be to check the facility for proper functioning, to follow-up on reported deficiencies or repairs, to respond to citizen complaints, and/or to check for any other reasons the City deems necessary. If problems are observed, the City shall provide the Landowner, its successors, and assigns, copies of the inspection findings and a directive to commence with the repairs within a specified timeframe.
6. In the event the Landowner, its successors, and assigns, fails to maintain the stormwater management/BMP facilities in good working condition acceptable to the City, the City may enter upon the Property and take the steps necessary to correct deficiencies identified in the inspection report. This provision shall not be construed to allow the City to erect any structure of permanent nature on the land of the Landowner, outside of the easement, for the stormwater management/BMP facilities. It is expressly understood and agreed that the City is under no obligation to routinely maintain or repair said facilities, and in no event shall this Agreement be construed to impose any such obligation on the City.
7. In the event the City, pursuant to this Agreement, performs work of any nature or expends any funds in performance of said work for labor, use of equipment, supplies, materials, and the like, the Landowner, its successors, and assigns, shall reimburse the City upon demand, within sixty (60) days of receipt thereof, for two hundred percent (200%) of all actual costs incurred by the City hereunder.
8. If the Landowner fails to pay the City for two hundred percent (200%) of their incurred expenses within sixty (60) days of receipt of written notice, the Landowner authorizes the City to place a lien against the property in an amount equal to two hundred percent (200%) of said expenses.
9. If the Landowner fails to reimburse the City, as described above, the Landowner further authorizes the City to collect said expenses from the Landowner through other appropriate legal action, with the Landowner to be liable for the reasonable costs of collection, court costs, and attorney fees.

- 10. This Agreement imposes no liability of any kind whatsoever on the City, and the Landowner agrees to hold the City harmless from any liability in the event the stormwater management/BMP facilities fail to operate properly.
- 11. This Agreement shall be recorded among the land records of Hamblen County, Tennessee, and shall constitute a covenant running with the land, and shall be binding on the Landowner, its administrators, executors, assigns, heirs and any other successors in interest.

WITNESS the following signatures and seals:

 Company/Corporation/Partnership Name (Seal)

By:_____

 (Type Name)

 (Type Title)

State of _____

County of _____

The foregoing Agreement was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 20____,

by _____.

 Notary Public

My Commission Expires _____

Approved as to form:

Approved by the City:

 City Attorney

 Date

 Mayor

 Date