

COUNTY OF DELAWARE

ADDENDUM # 1

ENGINEERING CONSULTANT SERVICES CHESTER CREEK RAIL TRAIL- PHASE IV FEASIBILITY STUDY (DPL-082124)

The County of Delaware advertised on the County of Delaware's website/PennBid and in the Philadelphia Inquirer and Daily Times newspapers the Invitation to Bid for: **ENGINEERING CONSULTANT SERVICES CHESTER CREEK RAIL TRAIL- PHASE IV FEASIBILITY STUDY (DPL-082124)** on July 10, 2024. Proposals are to be received via PennBid on Wednesday, August 21, 2024 @ 11:00 a.m.

**\*\*\*BID QUESTION, CLARIFICATIONS AND ANSWERS\*\*\***

**Question #1:** Please list the grants received for this project and the total project budget

**Answer:** The County received a Local Share Account grant from the Commonwealth's Department of Community and Economic Development for \$115,000. This is also the total project budget.

**Question #2:** Please clarify exhibit 1 of the RFP. Is all of the red dotted line a part of the trail feasibility study or just a part of it? Also, what is the blue dotted line shown on the map?

**Answer:** Only the **pink dotted line** is the subject of the Feasibility Study. The red line is a trail extension being undertaken by the City of Chester in Crozer Park. The blue line is a possible future extension under Interstate 95 into Chester that is not part of this Feasibility Study.

**Question #3:** The Delaware County website lists an LSA Grant for \$125,000.00 for this study. Is this the limit of available funding for this project?

**Answer:** The total project budget available is \$115,000.

**Question #4:** Exhibit 1 appears to show part of the loop trail on existing public roadways. Is this correct and if yes, please list the roadways suggested.

**Answer:** Yes, portions of the proposed loop trail would use public right of way in both Chester Township and Upland Borough. The consultant will determine the best existing roadways to use in the Toby Farms neighborhood in Chester Township to connect the trail to the SEPTA right of way and Upland Park. Similarly, the consultant will determine the best roadways to use in Upland Borough to connect Upland Park to Incinerator Road at the Caleb Pusey House.

**Question #5:** For proposed trails not suggested on a public roadway, - as shown on Exhibit 1, does the township or other public entity have an easement for the trail, or do easements still need to be obtained?

**Answer:** Delaware County has an agreement with SEPTA for trail use along the Chester Branch right of way on the south/west side of Chester Creek. The right of way will likely be insufficient in some places to contain the trail due to streambank movement into the lease area, so the consultant will determine areas where additional right of way will be needed to allow for trail construction. There is potential for additional easements and this study should be able to identify these locations.

**Question #6:** Task 7 of the RFP requests an H&H study, soil borings and cost / benefit analysis for different bridge design configurations. Typically this level of engineering is not contemplated until after a trail feasibility study has been completed and easement requirements are at least known (if not obtained). Also, what appears to be available funding from the LSA grant is not nearly sufficient for both the Feasibility Study and task 7 pre-engineering work. Will the county consider proposals that do not include task 7? Is there separate funding for Task 7? Should this task be removed from the RFP?

**Answer:** The County will consider proposals that do not include the full scope of engineering tasks described in Task 7 but that do discuss the potential issues that a significant pedestrian bridge over the Chester Creek will involve and design and/or location variables that would improve the bridge's long-term viability and cost. While funding may not be sufficient to complete a full H&H study, cost / benefit analysis of design configurations as well as soil borings and geomorphological testing, we anticipate the consultant will be able to determine the appropriate bridge structure type and identify the best location for said structure while detailing future study needs.

**Question #7:** Please confirm that the study limits include only the pink lines on the map on page 9 in the RFP. Previous literature from Delaware County insinuated that Phase IV of the Chester Creek Trail extends north to Bridgewater Road. Please also confirm if the former rail bridge over Incinerator Road will be part of this study or if that is part of the phase of the Chester Creek Trail that is being developed between Incinerator Road and Kerlin Street.

**Answer:** Only the pink line is to be considered in this Feasibility Study. The County bridge over Chester Creek on Incinerator Road is part of this Feasibility Study. The former rail bridge over Incinerator Road is not a required part of this Feasibility Study.

**Question #8:** What funding sources does the County anticipate using for this project?

**Answer:** The County received a Local Share Account grant from the Commonwealth's Department of Community and Economic Development for \$115,000. This is also the total project budget.

**Question #9:** Could you provide more clarity on the expectations of the consultant for the public engagement process outlined in task 2?

**Answer:** The Consultant shall prepare draft materials from sub-items 1 and 2 for review and approval by County Staff. The Consultant will assist the County Staff in planning, will prepare presentation materials, and be available to present at events described in sub-item 3, 4 and 5.