



Waukesha County
Department of Parks and Land Use

September 30, 2021

Don Sommers, Village President
Village of Lannon
20399 W. Main Street
P. O. Box 456
Lannon, WI 53046

Dear Mr. Sommers:

As you are aware, Waukesha County approved Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to the Village of Lannon for a total of \$847,868 in 2019 and 2020. The grant is for assistance to homeowners for the costs associated with the plumbing connections needed to connect to the new water mains. This project was approved because of the serious environmental concerns associated with the private wells in the Village, which caused a situation where the community declared portions of the village "blighted." Waukesha County has become aware of a recent situation where a number of property owners are denying access to the Village's contractor (Mid-City Corporation) to complete plumbing conversions that had been started in 2020 and 2021.

A requirement of the CDBG grant is that work completed on a homeowner's property has to pass a building inspector's final inspection. This means that the final conversion to municipal water must be completed, inspected, and pass the inspection. If CDBG funds have already been expended on a property, and the property owner denies entry to the contractor to complete the final conversion to municipal water, then the CDBG objective is not met for that property. This will result in the Village having to return funds to CDBG, including funds that have already been spent, for work on that property. The Homeowner Agreement signed between the Village of Lannon and each participating homeowner states:

Connection to the municipal water system is mandatory within six months of the public water main installation adjacent to the property, in accordance with Village ordinance 7 4-157 as amended. The VILLAGE has secured grant funds on behalf of residential property owners to cover these plumbing costs if the OWNER uses the Village of Lannon selected CONTRACTOR, executes this AGREEMENT, and provides timely and cooperative access for the completion of the work.

Properties must be connected within the current agreed upon timeframes. The grant agreement between Waukesha County and the Village of Lannon states that work will be completed by

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December 31, 2021. Any requests for extensions to this contract will need to be presented to the CDBG Board for review and are not guaranteed to be approved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristin Silva". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Kristin Silva
Community Development Manager

CC: Ben Wood, Principal Engineer, Strand Associates
Dale Shaver, Parks and Land Use Director, Waukesha County