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COUNTY OF LUZERNE

**RIGHT TO KNOW LAW REQUEST FORM**

NAME OF REQUESTER: Urban Stephen A.  
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MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET / P.O. BOX  
\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ FAX# NONE

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: *Stephen Urban* DATE: July 24, 2013

RECORDS REQUESTED - Requesters MUST specify the document(s) sought. Please use additional pages if necessary.  
Copies of records reports, Applications, Damage Assessments, Cost Estimates pertaining to an Application for Funds submitted by the City of Wilkes-Barre to the Luzerne County Community Development Office for Funding of a Sewer Repair Project on Old River Road in Wilkes-Barre, in the Amount of \$19,000.

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:  
 I AM ONLY REQUESTING ACCESS TO THE DOCUMENT(S)  
 I AM REQUESTING A HARD COPY OF THE DOCUMENT(S) (PAPER, CD, etc...)  
 I AM REQUESTING AN E-FILE OF THE DOCUMENT(S) (IF AVAILABLE) (PDF, EXCEL SPRDSHT, etc...)

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**Right-To-Know Response Form**

**GRANTED RESPONSE**

**July 29, 2013**

Mr. Stephen A. Urban

RTK REQUEST #13-104

Dear Mr. Urban,

Thank you for writing to Luzerne County with your request for information pursuant to the Pennsylvania Right- To-Know law.

On July 24, 2013, the Luzerne County Office of Law received a request for documents described in the attached Right To Know request. Your request is granted and a copy of the documents you requested are enclosed. I secured these documents from the Luzerne County Office of Community Development; they indicated to me that this is their entire file that exists based on your request.

You have a right to appeal this a response to a Right to Know request for information in writing to Terry Mutchler, Executive Director, Office of Open Records, Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17120.

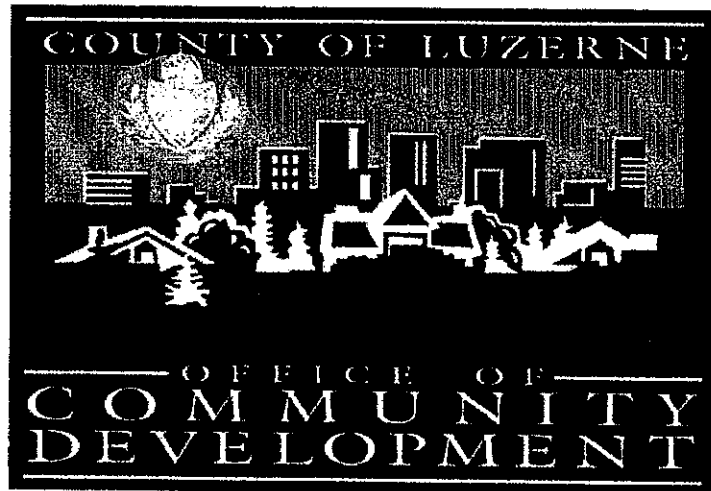
If you choose to file an appeal you must do so within 15 business days of the mailing date of the agency's response. Section 1101. If you have further questions, please call Sandra A. Zurek. Please be advised that this correspondence will serve to close this record with our office as permitted by law.

Respectfully,

Shannon Crane Lapsansky, Esq.  
Luzerne County  
Open Records Officer  
200 North River Street  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711  
(570)825-1598

EMAILED: Mr. Stephen A. Urban

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**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT  
DISASTER RECOVERY APPLICATION**

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# LUZERNE COUNTY CDBG DISASTER RECOVERY APPLICATION

## PART I - GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicant: City of Wilkes-Barre

Address: 40 East Market Street

Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711

Organization CEO: Mayor Thomas M. Leighton

Contact Person: Michael Simonson

Phone: 570-208-4139

Fax: 570-208-4187

Email: msimonson@wilkes-barre.pa.us

Project Title: Old River Road Sanitary Sewer Project

Project Address: Old River Road between New Alexander Street

(If different from above)

and Miner Street

### Type of Activity:

Acquisition or Disposal of Real Property

Clearance

Public Facilities & Improvements of:

Handicapped Centers

Neighborhood Facilities

Parks/Recreational Facilities

Senior Centers

Youth Centers

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Provide Public Service:

Abused & Neglected Children

AIDS Patients

Battered & Abused spouses

Child Care Services

Crime Awareness

Education programs

Fair Housing Activities

Handicapped Services

Health Services

Homeless Services

Public Safety Services

Recreation Programs

Senior Services

Substance Abuse Services

Tenant/Landlord Counseling

Transportation Services

Youth Services

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Planning

Removal of Architectural Barriers

Special Economic Development Activities

## PART II - PROPOSED PROJECT

### A. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- Provide a detailed description of the project.

On April 26, 2012 a field inspection was conducted of the 24 inch sanitary sewer main pipe beneath Old River Road between New Alexander Street and Miner Street in the City of Wilkes-Barre. The evaluation was requested due to sewage back up occurring in several of the properties within the subject vicinity. The inspection revealed a surcharge in the manhole located at the intersection of Old River Road and Amherst Avenue. The manhole has a depth of 15 feet and was surcharged above the top of the pipe with a total depth of 21 feet with a 24 inch pipe. Flows at this location are approximately 22 feet deep. The manhole at New Alexander Street has a depth of 17 feet with a 24 inch pipe. Flows at this location were approximately 18 inches deep. Considering flow should be directed northwest toward the pump station along Riverside Drive, field observation proved that there was significant "sag" in the line. The "sag" has prevented sewage flows from successfully reaching the pump station and has resulted in back-up into neighboring structures. Several attempts have been made to jet and "snake" the line to solve this problem but the "sag" has prevented a permanent fix to the existing condition.

The subject area is located south along a hard curve in the Susquehanna River just north of Richard Island. During the 2011 September flood river levels crested 20 feet above this area causing major hydrostatic ground pressure and saturation in this general area. The sewer main is located generally at a depth of 17 feet. This zone would experience substantially more pressure from flood flows than areas within 5 feet of the surface. Based upon our observations, inspections and review of the subject data, the only cause for significant "sag" in the line would have been hydrostatic and saturation pressure resulting from the September flood. The depth of the "sag" and timing are also evidence that some outside source caused the problem. Damage observed at this location would not have been detected during a regular post-flood inspection as it was/is not visible to the naked eye. Additionally, it would take some time for the line to surcharge and fill with sewage before backing up into the neighboring structures.

- Describe the impact this project is expected to have on the community.

As detailed above, the sanitary sewer line has a length of approximately 315 feet beneath Old River Road and has a significant "sag" in the pipe. This pipe is essential for removing the sanitary sewage from that street and the surrounding streets and getting that material to the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority. The "sag" in the line has immediate impact on those homes and causes the sanitary sewer line to surcharge and push the sewage back into the residential structures/commercial businesses in this neighborhood. Attempts have been made to correct the problems the storms of September 2011 have caused but after field inspections and observations, complete permanent repairs need to be made to correct the problem. The permanent repair will allow the City of Wilkes-Barre to correct the "sag" problem and return proper sanitary sewer flow to the homes and businesses in the area.

**B. PROJECT SERVICE AREA & BENEIFICIARIES**

- Is the service area of this project exclusively within the limits of Luzerne County?  Yes  No, provide a brief explanation.

The service area of the project is Old River Road between New Alexander Street and Miner Street located in the City of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

- Identify the project site by providing the physical address and/or legal description and identify the location on a municipal map.

Old River Road between New Alexander Street and Miner Street

located in the City of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

See attached map

- Is facility  Owned or  Leased  
If owned, attach copy of Deed  
If leased, attach copy of Lease Agreement
- Total number of persons to be served: 100
- Full-time jobs to be created: 10
- Indicate the percentage of persons that are low/moderate income: 0%  
(Income guidelines attached)
- Is the low/moderate income percentage based on  
X estimate or \_\_\_\_\_ actual documented numbers
- If based on documented numbers, what is your agency's intake process for determining such?

**PART III - PROGRAM FINANCING**

• Total County Funds Requested	\$ <u>191,670.50</u>
• Total Private Funds	\$ <u>0</u>
• Other Public Funds	\$ <u>0</u>
• Other Sources of Funding FEMA/SBA	\$ <u>0</u>
• Total Project Cost	\$ <u>191,670.50</u>

**PART IV - PROJECT BUDGET**

**A. PROPOSED SOURCES & USES OF FUNDS**

Identify all sources and amounts in the chart below. Attach commitment letters from all other funding sources.

**SOURCES OF NON-COUNTY FINANCING**

Eligible BDLP Activity	COUNTY FUNDS	SOURCE:	SOURCE:	SOURCE:	SOURCE:	TOTAL
Land and/or Building Acquisition	\$0	\$0				\$0
Construction Costs	\$131,130.50	\$0				\$131,130.50
Professional/Financial Fees	\$60,540.00	\$0				\$60,540.00
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COSTS</b>	<b>\$191,670.50</b>	<b>\$0</b>				<b>\$191,670.50</b>

See attached detailed budget

**B. PROPOSED PROJECT PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE**

Activity	Commence Work	Complete Work
Land/Building Acquisition	N/A	N/A
Construction	60 days after contract executed	150 days after contract executed
Professional/Financial Fees	10 days after contract executed	60 days after contract executed

**City of Wilkes-Barre**  
**September 2011 - Old River Road Sewer Repair**

30-Apr-12

Prepared by: George M. Albert, P.E, LLC  
 30 Market Street  
 Pittston, PA 18640

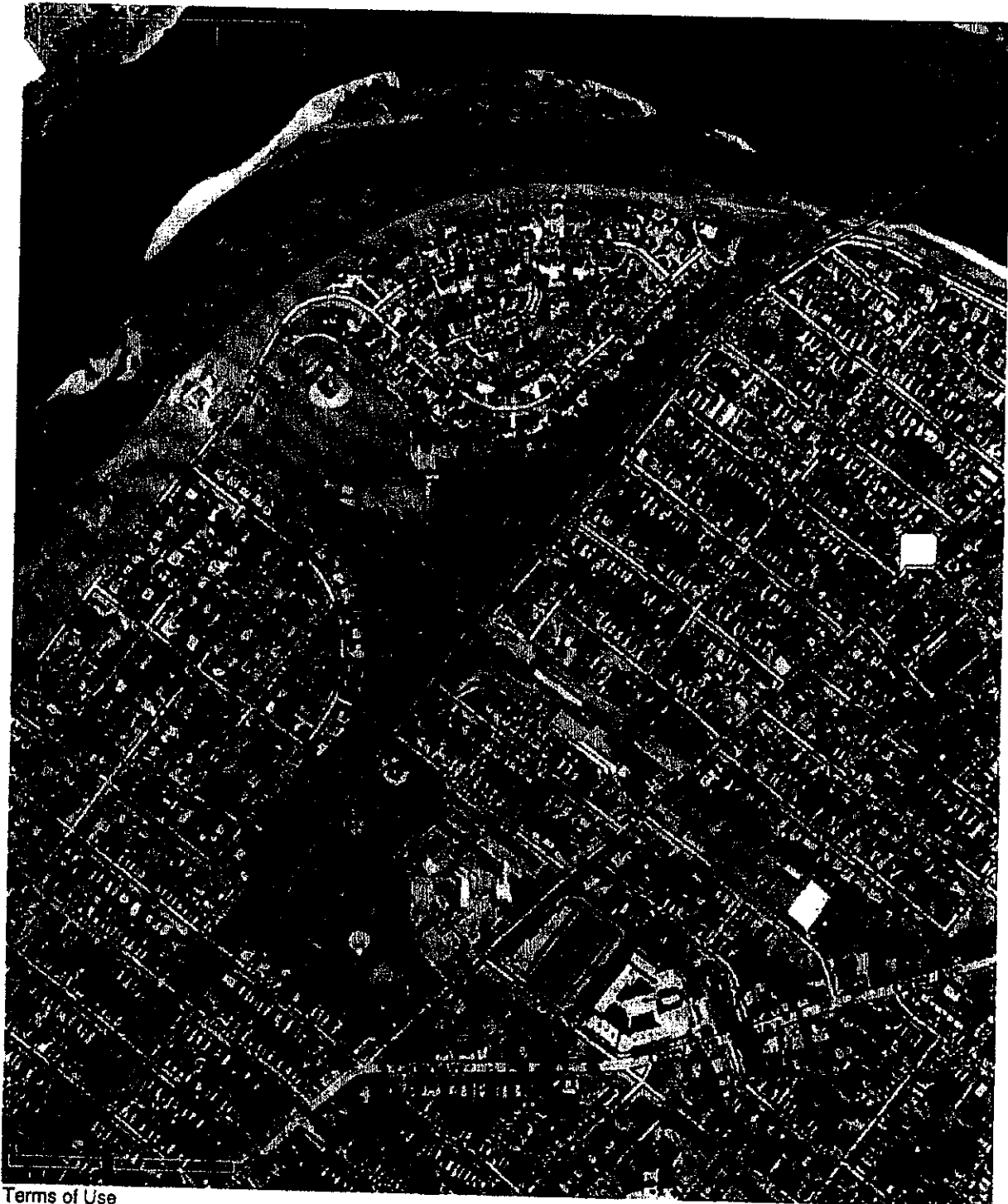
<b>Old River Road Sewer Repair</b>					
<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>	<b>Total Price</b>
1	Engineering Assessment and Design	1	lump sum	\$16,400.00	\$16,400.00
2	Inspect / televise existing sewer system	2,200	ft	\$3.45	\$7,590.00
3	Survey	4	days	\$880.00	\$3,520.00
4	Mobilization / Demobilization of Equip.	12	pieces	\$500.00	\$6,000.00
5	Maintenance and Protection of Traffic	1	lump sum	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
6	Project Supervision	30	days	\$400.00	\$12,000.00
7	Erosion Control	1	lump sum	\$6,150.00	\$6,150.00
8	By-Pass Pump	10	days	\$850.00	\$8,500.00
9	Sawcut Pave	200	lf	\$5.00	\$1,000.00
10	24" SDR-35 Sanitary Pipe	150	lf	\$216.00	\$32,400.00
11	Sanitary Manhole	3	ea	\$6,820.00	\$20,460.00
12	Engineered Sheeting / Shoring	3,600	sf	\$7.95	\$28,620.00
13	Utility relocation	100	lf	\$115.00	\$11,500.00
14	Sewer testing	1	lump sum	\$2,840.00	\$2,840.00
15	Full depth pave repair	533	sy	\$28.50	\$15,190.50
16	Clean-up and restoration	1	lump sum	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATE =</b>					<b>\$191,670.50</b>



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