

August 30, 2019

Mr. Jason Anderson  
Economic Development Director  
City of Rochelle  
420 North Sixth Street  
Rochelle, IL 61068

**RE: Proposal for Professional Engineering Services  
City of Rochelle Municipal Railroad Extension**

Dear Jason,

Please accept this proposal for professional services for the preliminary engineering associated with the extension of the City of Rochelle railroad system from its current terminus at the Brossman/Gratton property line south roughly 8,500 lineal feet to the south terminus of the city's right-of-way. The following details our anticipated scope of services.

#### **TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY**

Fehr Graham will complete a comprehensive topographic survey of the area necessary to complete the rail design. All visible structures, utilities, equipment, and trees will be included in said survey. Contours at one-foot intervals of the subject site will also be provided. The survey will be completed utilizing the Illinois State Plane Coordinate System and the 1988 North American Vertical Datum (NAVD-88).

#### **PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING DESIGN**

Utilizing the completed topographic survey, Fehr Graham will advance preliminary engineering of the rail extension. For the purposes of this proposal, the design criteria for this preliminary design is assumed to be consistent with the previous project, including:

- Railbed design for six (6) tracks
- Track design for the extension of the three (3) existing parallel tracks
- Grading of a 150-foot wide drainage channel

The design will extend south approximately 8,500 feet to the south terminus of the city's right-of-way. Said preliminary engineering will focus primarily on grading and drainage, right-of-way needs, floodplain/floodway impacts, geotechnical information and rail alignments. This phase of work will provide the basis for IDNR permitting; coordination with the BNSF and the new connection to their mainline; and subsequent final engineering design. Upon completion of this phase, an engineer's estimate of probable cost will be prepared to assist in determining potential funding sources.

### ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (IDNR) PERMITTING

A portion of the project lies within the regulated floodway. Prior to construction, permits are required from the IDNR for all work within the said floodway. Fehr Graham has studied this watershed extensively during previous projects and has a working HEC-RAS flood model of the subject site. As part of the IDNR permitting process, Fehr Graham will update said HEC-RAS model which will include adding the as-built data from the most recent rail extension. The preliminary engineering design of the proposed rail improvements will then be incorporated into the flood model and submitted to the IDNR for review and permitting. Fehr Graham will also prepare all permit applications and coordinate the permitting process.

### RIGHT-OF-WAY PLATS

The city currently owns right-of-way adjacent to the BNSF Railway. The said right-of-way is 100 feet in width and given the experience with the most recent extension, additional right-of-way is anticipated to be required from at least one landowner. As part of this acquisition process, Fehr Graham will prepare right-of-way plats for the impacted parcel, commonly known as the Gratton Farm. A Professional Land Surveyor's seal will be affixed on each drawing and signed in accordance with the State of Illinois Department of Professional Regulation requirements.

Plats can be utilized by the city and the city's attorney when preparing land acquisition contracts and other documents.

### EXCLUSIONS

The following items are not included in the scope of services proposed here:

- Environmental Site Assessments or other environmental investigations
- Signalization for at-grade crossing
- Elva Road realignment design
- ICC permitting and approvals
- FEMA permitting (if necessary)
- Drainage, flood, access, utility or other easements
- Additional land acquisition surveying and plats
- Permit fees
- Property boundary surveys
- Offsite utility extension designs
- Construction related services

Any of the above services can be performed as an additional cost to the project.

**SCHEDULE**

Fehr Graham can initiate this project upon receipt of formal authorization to proceed.

**FEES**

Based on the information available at this time, we are prepared to provide these services as outlined for the following fee amounts:

Topographic Survey	\$9,500
Preliminary Engineering Design (inc. geotechnical)	\$45,000
IDNR Permitting	\$22,500
Right-of-Way Plats	\$1,750

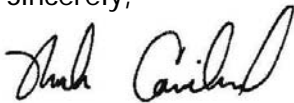
Payment for the services rendered will be requested via an invoice prepared monthly.

**AUTHORIZATION**

I trust that the information we have provided is in line with your expectations. If you would like us to proceed with this project, please sign the attached Agreement for Professional Services and return one copy to my attention.

Fehr Graham is willing to commit the necessary resources to this project to provide timely and competent solutions to assure that this project moves forward. We are looking forward to working with you on this project. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,



Noah Carmichael, PE  
Principal

Enclosure: Agreement for Professional Services

NJC:emm

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Economic Development Director  
City of Rochelle  
420 North Sixth Street  
Rochelle, IL 61068

Dear Mr. Anderson,

Please find enclosed our Agreement for Professional Services as requested.

Please sign and return the Agreement to my attention. An additional copy may be retained for your records.

Sincerely,



Noah J. Carmichael  
Principal

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Enclosure

**AGREEMENT  
FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

Client Mr. Jason Anderson  
Economic Development Director  
City of Rochelle  
420 North Sixth Street  
Rochelle, IL 61068  
  
815-562-7595

Description of Services:

**Preliminary Engineering - City of Rochelle Municipal Railroad Extension**

Fehr Graham will provide professional services for the preliminary engineering services associated with the City of Rochelle Municipal Railroad Extension, as detailed in our proposal letter dated August 30, 2019.

COST: The fee for performing the above services is \$78,750 as follows:

Topographic Survey	\$9,500
Preliminary Engineering Design (incl geotechnical)	\$45,000
IDNR Permitting	\$22,500
Right-of-Way Plats	\$1,750

The attached General Conditions are incorporated into and made a part of this Agreement.

ACCEPTED AND AGREED TO:

I/we, the undersigned, authorize Fehr Graham to provide services as outlined above, and also agree that I/we are familiar with and **ACCEPT THE TERMS OF THE ATTACHED GENERAL CONDITIONS.**

CLIENT:

CONSULTANT:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

By  \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name Jason T. Stoll, PE

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Title Branch Manager

Date Accepted \_\_\_\_\_

Date Proposed August 30, 2019

## GENERAL CONDITIONS TO AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

1. The Client requests the professional services of Fehr Graham hereinafter called "The Consultant" as described herein.
2. The Consultant agrees to furnish and perform the professional service described in this Agreement in accordance with accepted professional standards. Consultant agrees to provide said services in a timely manner, provided, however, that Consultant shall not be responsible for delays in completing said services that cannot reasonably be foreseen on date hereof or for delays which are caused by factors beyond his control or delays resulting from the actions or inaction of any governmental agency. Consultant makes no warranty, expressed or implied, as to his findings, recommendations, plans and specifications or professional advice except that they were made or prepared in accordance with the generally accepted engineering practices.
3. It is agreed that the professional services described in the Agreement shall be performed for Client's account and that Client will be billed monthly for said services. A 1½% per month service charge will be incurred by Client for any payment due herein and not paid within 30 days of such billing which is equal to an ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE OF 18%. Partial payments will be first credited to the accrued service charges and then to the principal.
4. The Client and the Consultant each binds himself, his partners, successors, executors, and assigns to the other party to this agreement and to the partners, successor, executors, and assigns of such other party in respect to this agreement.
5. The Client shall be responsible for payment of all costs and expenses incurred by the Consultant for his account, including any such monies that the Consultant may advance for Client's account for purposes consistent with this Agreement.
6. The Consultant reserves the right to withdraw this Agreement if not accepted within 30 days.
7. A claim for lien will be filed within 75 days of the date of an invoice for services (last day of services rendered) unless the account is paid in full or other prior arrangements have been made. All attorney fees incurred by the Consultant due to the filing of said lien or the foreclosure thereof shall be borne by the Client.

In the event suit must be filed by Consultant for the collection of fees for services rendered, Client will pay all reasonable attorney's fees and court costs.

If Client defaults in payment of fees or costs due under the terms of this Agreement and Consultant incurs legal expenses as a result of such failure, Client shall be responsible for payment for Consultant's reasonable attorney fees and costs so incurred.

8. The Consultant shall present, for the consideration of the Client, engineering and technical alternatives, based upon its knowledge and experience in accordance with accepted professional standards, with selection of alternatives and final decisions as requested by the client to be the sole responsibility of the Client.
9. Construction Phase Activities (When applicable) - In connection with observations of the work of the Contractor(s) while it is in progress the Consultant shall make visits to the site at intervals appropriate to the various stages of construction as the Consultant deems necessary in Agreement to observe as an experienced and qualified design professional the progress and quality of the various aspects of the Contractor(s)'s work. Based on information obtained during such visits and on such observation, the Consultant shall endeavor to determine in general if such work is proceeding in accordance with the Contract Documents and the Consultant shall keep the Client informed of the progress of the work.  

The purpose of the Consultant's visits to the site will be to enable the Consultant to better carry out the duties and responsibilities assigned to and undertaken by the Consultant during the Construction Phase, and, in addition, by exercise of the Consultant's efforts as an experienced and qualified design professional, to provide for the Client a greater degree of confidence that the completed work of the Contractor(s) will conform generally to the Contract Documents and that the integrity of the design concept as reflected in the Contract Documents has been implemented and preserved by the Contractor(s). The Consultant shall not, during such visits or as a result of such observations of Contractor(s)' work in progress, supervise, direct or have control over Contractor(s)' work nor shall the Consultant have authority over or responsibility for the means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures of construction selected by Contractor(s), for safety precautions and programs incident to the work of Contractor(s) or for any failure of Contractor(s) to comply with laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, codes, or orders applicable to Contractors(s) furnishing and performing their work. Accordingly, the Consultant can neither guarantee the performance of the construction contracts by Contractor(s) nor assume responsibility for Contractor(s)' failure to furnish and perform their work in accordance with the Contract Documents.
10. Estimates of Fees - When fees are on a time and material basis the estimated costs required to complete the services to be performed are made on the basis of the Consultant's experience, qualifications, and professional judgment, but are not guaranteed. If the costs appear likely to exceed the estimate in excess of 20%, the Consultant will notify the Client before proceeding. If the Client does not object to the additional costs within seven (7) days of notification, the increased costs shall be deemed approved by the Client.
11. The Consultant is responsible for the safety on site of his own employees. This provision shall not be construed to relieve the Client or the Contractor(s) from their responsibility for maintaining a safe work site. Neither the professional services of the Consultant, nor the presence of his employees or subcontractors shall be construed to imply that the Consultant has any responsibility for any activities on site performed by personnel other than the Consultant's employees or subcontractors.
12. Original survey data, field notes, maps, computations, studies, reports, drawings, specifications and other documents generated by the Consultant are instruments of service and shall remain the property of the Consultant. The Consultant shall provide copies to the Client of all documents specified in the Description of Services.

Any documents generated by the Consultant are for the exclusive use of the Client and any use by third parties or use beyond the intended purpose of the document shall be at the sole risk of the Client. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Client shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Consultant for any loss or damage arising out of the unauthorized use of such documents.

13. No claim may be asserted by either party against the other party unless an action on the claim is commenced within two (2) years after the date of the Consultant's final invoice to the Client.
14. If a Client's Purchase Order form or acknowledgment or similar form is issued to identify the agreement, authorize work, open accounts for invoicing, provide notices, or document change orders, the preprinted terms and condition of said Purchase Order shall be superseded by the terms hereof.
15. Standard of Care - Services performed by Consultant under this agreement will be conducted in a manner consistent with that level of care and skill ordinarily exercised by members of the profession currently practicing under similar conditions. No other representation expressed or implied, and no warranty or guarantee is included or intended in any report, opinion or document under this agreement.
16. Liability Insurance - Consultant will maintain such liability insurance as is appropriate for the professional services rendered as described in this Agreement. Consultant shall provide Certificates of Insurance to Client, upon Client's request, in writing.
17. Indemnification and Limitation of Liability - Client and Consultant each agree to indemnify and hold the other harmless, including their respective officers, employees, agents, members, and representatives, from and against liability for all claims, costs, losses, damages and expense, including reasonable attorney's fees, to the extent such claims, losses, damages or expenses are caused by the indemnifying party's acts, errors or omissions.

The Client understands that for the compensation herein provided Consultant cannot expose itself to liabilities disproportionate to the nature and scope hereunder. Therefore, the Client agrees to limit Consultant's liability to the Client arising from Consultant's professional acts, errors or omissions, such that the total aggregate liability of Consultant shall not exceed \$50,000 or Consultant's total fee for services rendered on this Project, whichever is less.

18. Allocation of Risk - Consultant and Client acknowledge that, prior to the start of this Agreement, Consultant has not generated, handled, stored, treated, transported, disposed of, or in any way whatsoever taken responsibility for any toxic substance or other material found, identified, or as yet unknown at the Project premises. Consultant and Client further acknowledge and understand that the evaluation, management, and other actions involving toxic or hazardous substances that may be undertaken as part of the Services to be performed by Consultant, including subsurface excavation or sampling, entails uncertainty and risk of injury or damage. Consultant and Client further acknowledge and understand that Consultant has not been retained to serve as an insurer of the safety of the Project to the Client, third parties, or the public.

Client acknowledges that the discovery of certain conditions and/or taking of preventative measures relative to these conditions may result in a reduction of the property's value. Accordingly, Client waives any claim against Consultant and agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Consultant and its subcontractors, consultants, agents, officers, directors, and employees from any claim or liability for injury or loss allegedly arising from procedures associated with environmental site assessment (ESA) activities or the discovery of actual or suspected hazardous materials or conditions. Client releases Consultant from any claim for damages resulting from or arising out of any pre-existing environmental conditions at the site where the work is being performed which was not directly or indirectly caused by and did not result from, in whole or in part, any act or omission of Consultant or subcontractor, their representatives, agents, employees, and invitees.

If, while performing the Services set forth in any Scope of Services, pollutants are discovered that pose unanticipated or extraordinary risks, it is hereby agreed that the Scope of Services, schedule, and costs will be reconsidered and that this Agreement shall immediately become subject to renegotiation or termination. Client further agrees that such discovery of unanticipated hazardous risks may require Consultant to take immediate measures to protect health and safety or report such discovery as may be required by law or regulation. Consultant shall promptly notify Client upon discovery of such risks. Client, however, hereby authorizes Consultant to take all measures Consultant believes necessary to protect Consultant and Client personnel and the public. Furthermore, Client agrees to compensate Consultant for any additional costs associated with such measures.

19. In the event of legal action to construe or enforce the provisions of this agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to collect reasonable attorney fees, court costs and related expenses from the losing party and the court having jurisdiction of the dispute shall be authorized to determine the amount of such fees, costs and expenses and enter judgment thereof.
20. Termination - The obligation to provide further services under this Agreement may be terminated by either party upon seven (7) days written notice in the event of substantial failure by the other party to perform in accordance with the terms hereof through no fault of the terminating party. In the event of any termination, Consultant will be paid for all services rendered to the date of receipt of written notice of termination, at Consultant's established chargeout rates, plus for all Reimbursable Expenses including a 15% markup.
21. Provision Severable - The unenforceability or invalidity of any provisions hereof shall not render any other provisions herein contained unenforceable or invalid.
22. Governing Law and Choice of Venue - Client and Consultant agree that this Agreement will be governed by, construed, and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois. If there is a lawsuit, Client and Consultant agree that the dispute shall be submitted to the jurisdiction of the Illinois District Court in and for Ogle County, Illinois.