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RA-EPSCROWATERSHEDGR@pa.gov Jineen Boyle, Watershed Manager Department of Environmental Protection South-central Regional Office 909 Elmerton Avenue | Harrisburg, PA 17110

Subject: C990000639, Submission of Quarterly Work Progress Report

RE: Project Progress Quarterly Report for the 4th Quarter 2019, Grant Document/Contract Number C99000639, Water Quality Improvement Grant, "Snitz Creek No. 2, Quittapahilla Watershed", Lebanon Valley Conservancy, Inc.

Dear Jineen:

Enclosed please find our 4th quarter Project Progress report for our Grant. Report is for the period 07/22/19 to 12/31/19. No report was submitted for the 3rd quarter because project is on hold until one remaining LOA is executed. Application for Reimbursement will be submitted in future when LVC takes project off hold.

The report and includes the following forms and documents:

- DEP Work Progress Form Report
- Project Status Narrative
- Invoice #1 showing billing for project previously billed for information
- Accounting of billing sheet for information.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 717 821 2021 or email me.

Sincerely:

Edward B. Gibble

LVC President



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Work Progress Report (Complete for Each Deliverable – Including those with no activity)

DEP Project Advisor: Jineen Boyle	Report Period:	07/22/2019	to 12/31/2019
Grantee: Lebanon Valley Conservancy Inc.		Document Number:	C990000639
Project Name: Snitz Creek No. 2, Quittpahilla Water	shed		
This Progress Report completed by: (name): Karen			
Deliverable #: 1 Deliverable Title	: Snitz Creek Project #	2-Design and Permit	ting
Deliverable % Complete and Status:			
Deliverable % complete: 20%. No work on project ha	s been done since 7/20	/19 when project was	placed on hold by
LVC because one land owner changed his mind on e	executing the LOA. He h	ad signed the prelim	inary agreement
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Proposed Activities for Next Quarter: Glenn Krall, La	and Owner Agreement is	s expected to be exe	cuted by end of
Febuary. Then continue on completing work in progre	ess for Task 3, Field Stu	dies and Design Crit	eria. Start Task 2,
Hydraulic, Task 4, Preliminary Design, and Task 6, L	ocal, State and Federa	permit Applications.	

Snitz Creek #2 Project Status Narrative for Work in Progress Report for 4th Quarter Report

01/13/2020

As of July 20, 2019 Clear Creeks, Design Engineer, completed approximately 20% of the work covered by our contract. However, given the concerns raised by the Krall Family regarding their participation in the project, Clear Creeks has halted all work on this project. We will not be doing any further work until we have been notified to proceed by DEP and LVC.

QWA and Clear Creeks gave presentations to the Cornwall Borough Commissioners, as well as the Borough Council.

The Council voted to support the project with a funding match of \$100,000 for construction and \$16,000 to pay the Krall's for an easement on their land.

The Krall's were approached by John Karinch, Council President with this offer. He indicated that the Krall's want \$21,000 per acre for their land.

Prior to Christmas, the Council was in negotiations with them. Mr. Karinch indicated that the Council is offering to waive the MS4 Storm water Fee that the Krall's will be required to pay in the near future. For them, that fee would be \$8,500 annually. We are waiting to hear back from the Cornwall Borough Council.

See Attached Accounting of Invoices and Invoice #1 sent on 7/21/19. Invoice #1 payment is on hold and no Application for Reimbursement have been forwarded since the 7/21/19 invoice.

Background Information

Funding for the Design and Permitting of the Snitz Creek 2 - Stream and Floodplain Restoration Project was applied for in June 2018 under a Water Quality Improvement Grant along the Mariner East 2 Pipeline Corridor. At the time of grant application all nine landowners along the project area signed Letters of Commitment. Grant approval was obtained in early spring 2019 with contracts executed in May 2019. The field-run topographic survey, geomorphic assessment and environmental inventories were completed between late May and late June.

By mid-July, all landowners had signed the Landowner-Grantee Agreement except Glen and Linda Krall. They informed the QWA that they had changed their minds about participating in the project. They indicated that they had decided not participate unless they were compensated for the two acres they had agreed to donate for floodplain restoration and wetlands creation. Because they own 97% of stream channel along the Snitz Creek 2A section and all of the proposed wetland creation area, all work on the project has been put on hold.

In the intervening two months, the QWA and DFTU have been coordinating with the Lebanon County office of NRCS to determine if the Krall Farm would be eligible for compensation under one of their conservation programs. Based on their discussions, it appears that compensation would be limited to \$250 per acre annually. Research by DFTU indicates the value of their land in annual production of soy beans is \$600 - \$800.

More recently, Clear Creeks suggested to QWA and DFTU that compensation might come from funding provided by the Cornwall Borough. Like other municipalities, the Cornwall Borough must meet MS4 pollutant reduction requirements. We were already planning to request matching funds from the Borough at the time we apply for construction grants. Prior to approaching the Borough about purchasing a permanent easement or buying the land outright.

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	7/21/2019 \$	26,611.00		\$0.00	\$0.00 Project Budget Total	
	7/21/2019 \$	631.12		\$0.00		
No new invoices to date-on hold since 7/22/19	7/22/19					
			\$ 27,242.12	\$0.00	\$ 145,135.00	19%
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	7/21/2019 \$	2,692.26		\$0.00		
Invoice 2-not billed	1/13/2020 \$	1,945.93		Not billed		
			\$ 2,692.26		\$ 5,639.00	48%
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