

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

PITTSBURGH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS WILLIAM S. MOORHEAD FEDERAL BUILDING 1000 LIBERTY AVENUE PITTSBURGH, PA 15222-4186

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MAYOR'S OFFICE

The Honorable William Peduto Mayor of Pittsburgh 414 Grant Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Mayor Peduto:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District (Corps) partnered with the City of Pittsburgh (City) to construct the Saw Mill Run Local Protection Project, which was completed on October 23, 1997. Despite multiple requests over the past 23 years (most recently by letter dated October 25, 2019), the City has not paid its outstanding balance of \$172,502.26 in cash, or alternatively, provided \$230,003.41 in real estate interests (lands, easements, rights-of-way, relocations, disposal areas [LERRDS]). Ample time has passed for the City to investigate potential LERRDS or to pay what is owed.

Payment may be made via check to "FAO, USAED, Pittsburgh District (H4)" and sent to the address above. Real estate interests that satisfy the requirement for LERRDs may be submitted to the same address to the attention of James Shibata, Chief, Project Management Office. Mr. Shibata can be reached at james.t.shibata@usace.army.mil or at (412) 395-7109.

If payment is not received by June 19, 2021, the Corps will initiate collection proceedings. The City will be sent a final bill and given 90 days to pay. If not paid within 90 days, the Corps Finance Center will send a demand letter requesting payment within 30 days, followed by a second demand letter if the debt remains unpaid. At that point, interest and penalty payments will begin accruing in the amount of 6% per annum. If the debt is not paid within 30 days of the second demand letter, the debt will be presented to the Treasury Offset Program, whereby any federal payments made to the City will be decremented the amount owed.

We appreciate your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my Deputy District Engineer, Lenna C. Hawkins, at (412) 395-7105, or by email at lenna.c.hawkins@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

Andrew J. Short

Colonel, Corps of Engineers

District Engineer