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The Honorable Paul Dyster  
Mr. Tom DeSantis  
745 Main Street  
Niagara Falls, NY 14302-0069

Dear Mayor Dyster and Mr. DeSantis:

Thank you for meeting recently with GEI Consultants, Inc., P.C. (GEI). We thought the meeting was very productive and, after coordinating internally, would like to assist the City of Niagara Falls in moving forward on green infrastructure with the following elements:

- Sustainable Infrastructure Plan – GEI would like to offer preparation of a Phase 1 Sustainable Infrastructure Plan (SIP) *pro bono* and demonstration project. The Phase 1 SIP would outline a full Phase 2 SIP that:
  - Articulates goals and assesses community vulnerabilities from flooding, water quality degradation and vacant property.
  - Identifies which sustainable infrastructure must be deployed in which places to meet Phase 2 goals.
  - Prioritizes green infrastructure deployment based on a variety of factors, including who builds and who maintains projects.
  - Outlines monitoring and adjustments to ensure projects are meeting SIP goals.
  - Uses the Hyde Park Lake watershed in Niagara Falls as a demonstration project for how and where GI could be deployed, and the stormwater reductions it could reasonably be anticipated to achieve.
- Public Engagement – GEI is eager to assist Niagara Falls with public engagement to lay the foundation for Phase 1 and coordinating with key leaders such as Rob Sozanski of Empire State Development Corp. to ensure goals and the process for SIP adoption are properly undertaken.
- Funding – GEI would be glad to assist Niagara Falls with the identification of funding, in-kind and other leverage points for the project, including (where feasible):
  - Buffalo Billion
  - Water Board
  - Buffalo-Niagara Land Trust

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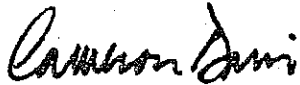
- Consistency with Existing Plans – The final SIP would be scoped in a manner that is consistent with *One Region Forward* and similar initiatives.

At the completion of the full Phase 2 SIP, Niagara Falls will have a road map that will help it become one of the most prominent sustainable infrastructure cities in North America. The SIP will also position Niagara Falls in a way that can make the city an example for other member municipalities of the Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Cities Initiative.

We believe GEI can provide the Phase 1 scoping outline within 3-4 months after approval. We will reach out soon to further discuss how GEI can assist you.

Sincerely,

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