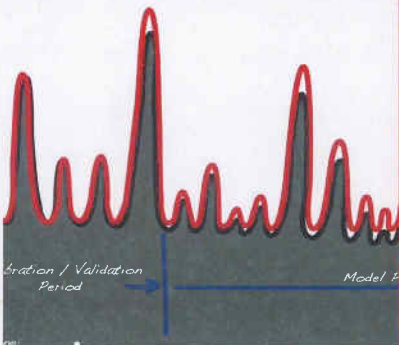


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## Sump Pump Installations Modification Project

City of Ann Arbor  
Procurement Unit  
City Hall, 301 East Huron Street  
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March 20, 2015

Nick Hutchinson, City Engineer  
City of Ann Arbor  
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Ann Arbor, MI 48107

Re: RFP 922 Sump Pump Installation Modification Project

Dear Mr. Hutchinson:

The City of Ann Arbor's Footing Drain Disconnection (FDD) program was successful at removing wet weather flows from the sanitary system, and most residents were satisfied with the program. However, a significant number of residents reported a higher level of anxiety after the FDD program, and there were a substantial number who reported problems with water in the basement and installation problems after the FDD program. The objectives of this project are to:

- ▶ Conduct a public outreach program to provide residents with the opportunity to report problems.
- ▶ Locate, inspect and correct FDDs that require modification under this project.
- ▶ Create a public education program so that residents understand sump pump O&M.

Our project approach will initiate the public outreach quickly, and perform the investigations and develop contract documents in parallel, so that corrections can begin as soon as possible. We will conduct the initial 10 corrections concurrently with the investigations, so that residents who need a sump pump modification see action quickly after their inspection is complete. We believe that the 50 houses that were estimated for modifications in the 2014 investigation can be corrected within a one-year construction period. This aggressive responsiveness is the best way for the City to address the issues raised by some residents.

Some FDD participants are concerned with the issues caused by FDD, and tensions can flare over issues within their homes. We know we can deliver a successful project to the City of Ann Arbor, even under challenging circumstances, because we have done it before. The following points demonstrate that we know what it takes to deliver a successful project to the satisfaction of the City and the Ann Arbor residents:

- ▶ We prepared an informational video to tell our story of how we accomplished success on the City's SSWWE project. The video can be found at: <https://youtu.be/ZZ25bHTwn30>
- ▶ The residents who worked the closest with us on the SSWWE project gave us very positive reviews – please see the attached feedback from the members of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC).
- ▶ A small group of residents approached the SSWWE project with a predetermined agenda - to stop the FDD program, and they attempted to disrupt the project. We handled the situation professionally, and worked with the City to keep the project on track, while still considering all perspectives.

We are ready to complete the process that we started with you and the residents of the City of Ann Arbor on your sanitary sewer system, and help you with modification to sump pump installations.

Respectfully,  
OHM Advisors

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Czachorski". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Robert S. Czachorski, PE  
Principal

|  | STRONGLY<br>AGREE | AGREE     | NEUTRAL   | DISAGREE | STRONGLY<br>DISAGREE |
|--|-------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------------------|
| 1. Participating on the SSWWE CAC was a valuable experience for me.  | 4                 | 6         | 0         | 1        | 0                    |
| 2. My input was valued throughout the project.   | 5                 | 4         | 2         | 0        | 0                    |
| 3. The project team treated me with respect.   | 5                 | 6         | 0         | 0        | 0                    |
| 4. The project team strived to create a safe meeting & digital environment for me to express my opinions.                                      | 5                 | 6         | 0         | 0        | 0                    |
| 5. The project team was timely in preparing project materials, agenda, meeting notes & meeting notices.  | 4                 | 5         | 1         | 1        | 0                    |
| 6. The follow-up notes, meetings, videos, & Basecamp responses to my questions were high quality, easy to read, & well prepared.               | 4                 | 3         | 3         | 1        | 0                    |
| 7. The meeting venues were clean, comfortable, & conducive to conducting the CAC's meetings.   | 4                 | 6         | 1         | 0        | 0                    |
| 8. The technical analyses prepared were professional, accurate, & high quality.  | 5                 | 6         | 0         | 0        | 0                    |
| 9. The presentation of technical materials was done in a way that was understandable & without technical gobbledeygook.                        | 6                 | 4         | 1         | 0        | 0                    |
| 10. The City staff was responsive to questions, open to the CAC's ideas, & worked diligently to find win-win solutions.                        | 2                 | 6         | 1         | 2        | 0                    |
| 11. THE OHM Advisors technical team was responsive to questions, open to the CAC's ideas and worked diligently to find win-win solutions.      | 5                 | 6         | 0         | 0        | 0                    |
| 12. The Project Innovations public engagement team did a good job moderating the meetings, & making sure all opinions were heard & documented. | 5                 | 4         | 1         | 1        | 0                    |
| 13. My fellow CAC members conducted themselves in a professional manner & worked towards finding win-win solutions.                            | 4                 | 6         | 0         | 1        | 0                    |
| 14. I would recommend that the City retain the OHM Advisors team for future work.  | 5                 | 5         | 1         | 0        | 0                    |
| <b>TOTAL (Out of 154)</b>  | <b>63</b>         | <b>73</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>0</b>             |





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## A. Professional Qualifications



### About OHM Advisors

Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc. (OHM Advisors) is a firm of architects, engineers and planners committed to Advancing Communities. Leaders rely on our proven public and private sector expertise, insightful counsel and forward thinking to create lasting, viable places and communities. We opened our doors in 1962 and have been growing ever since. We have offices in Michigan, Ohio and Tennessee.

### What We Do Best

One of our long-time clients called OHM Advisors a “one-stop solution.” That’s our goal. We’re great project managers, but we think like advisors. Our clients appreciate our long-term collaboration and holistic approach. This could involve capital improvement planning, strategic workforce restructuring, funding sourcing and administration, and community redevelopment. And our goal is always sustainability.

### Firm Ownership

OHM Advisors is a privately held corporation, licensed to work in Michigan, Ohio, and Tennessee, governed by a seven member Board of Directors and has 26 employee shareholders.

### Our Clients

- Cities, Villages, Towns, Counties and Townships
- State and Federal Agencies
- County Road Agencies / MDOT
- K-12, Colleges and Universities
- Utility Authorities
- Parks Authorities
- Drain and Water Resource Commissioners

### Locations

OHM Advisors & its partners are all licensed to work in Michigan.

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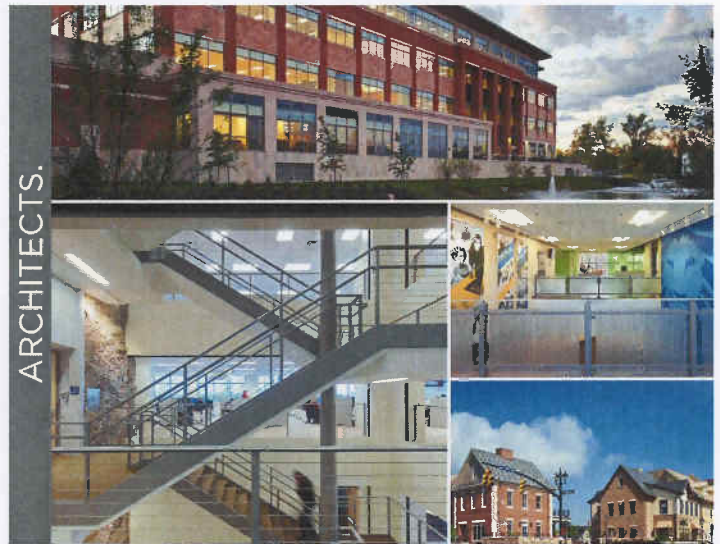
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We perform the following services in-house and have relationships with partners to provide any additional needed services:

### Architecture

- Full Service Facility Design
- Facility Surveys & Assessments
- Site & Facility Master Planning
- Space Planning
- Programming
- Design for LEED Certification
- Construction Administration

### Planning & Landscape Architecture

- Planning & Visioning
- Urban Design
- Zoning & Entitlements
- Land Planning
- Parks and Recreation Master Planning
- Trail/Bike Path, Trail Head Design
- Playground & Athletic Field Design
- Site Planting Design
- Site Grading Plans

### Mechanical & Electrical Engineering

- Energy Evaluation & Assessments
- Existing Facility Evaluations
- HVAC System Design
- Plumbing System Design
- Energy Management Systems Design
- Lighting Design

### Structural Engineering

- Existing Structure Evaluations
- Dams/Retaining Walls
- Foundation Design
- Bridge Design, Scoping & Safety Inspection

### Civil Engineering & Surveying

- Site Evaluations, Surveying & Geotechnical
- Sanitary Sewer & Water Systems
- Stormwater Management Design & NPDES permitting
- Roadway & Freeway Design
- Site & Parking Design
- Soil Erosion Control Design & Inspection
- Construction Engineering, Site Observation & Contract Administration
- Wetland Identification & Mitigation Planning
- Water Treatment & Wastewater Treatment Plant Design
- Topographic, Right-of-way, Boundary & Geodetic Control Surveys
- Bicycle Path & Sidewalk Design
- Recreational Facilities & Park Development

### Other Services

- Technology Assessments & Infrastructure Design
- GIS Database Development & Design Mapping
- Technology Services
- Graphics & Multimedia

## AT A GLANCE

### EXPERIENCE

- 10,000+** civil engineering projects
- 500,000+** SF of LEED intended space
- 3 million+** SF of educational space
- 125+** miles of sewer installation and **80** miles of rehabilitation
- 140+** zoning projects and **65+** mixed-use planning projects
- 250+** miles of water main installation and **130** miles of replacement/rehabilitation
- Major road projects, totaling more than **500** miles
- 2,500+** plan reviews and subsequent construction observation services

### IN-HOUSE CAPACITY

- 18 Architectural Staff Members
- 22 CADD Technicians
- 39 Civil Engineers
- 38 Construction Inspectors/Managers
- 4 Mechanical / Electrical Engineers
- 1 GIS Specialist
- 15 Surveyors
- 12 Landscape Architects
- 7 Planners
- 11 Project Managers
- 6 Technicians/Analysts
- 24 Transportation Engineers
- 5 Structural Engineers
- 16 Water Resources Engineers/Sanitary Engineers

