

Attachment E

Project Field Reports

To: de maximis, inc.

Attention: Valerie Rule

From: The Ohio Valley Group, Inc.

Date: May 24, 2013

Re: Ashtabula River Cooperation Group Project: JOB REFERENCE NUMBER 3176H

STATUS REPORT

The following summarizes the progress to date on the Ashtabula Township Park Commission Property – more fully described in the Master Professional Services Agreement entered into by and between the Ashtabula River Cooperation Group II and The Ohio Valley Group, Inc. on or about May 8, 2013 [hereinafter referred to as the "Ashtabula Project"]. The physical location of the Ashtabula Project will be referred to herein as the "Site".

MAY 22, 2013 SITE VISIT:

On May 22, 2013, the following individuals met at the Site: On behalf of The Ohio Valley Group, Inc. ["Ohio Valley"] Andy Dangelo, Kathleen Dangelo and Keith Laninga. Also present was Joe Gutoskey, the engineer that has been retained by Ohio Valley for services related to the water structure. SEE attached photo labeled "site meeting".

CANOE LAUNCH: Upon arrival at the Site, Ohio Valley inspected the area for the proposed canoe launch. SEE attached photo labeled "Canoe Launch_2]. A large pipe near the proposed canoe launch area was observed. SEE attached photo labeled "pipe near canoe launch". Prior to this Site visit, Ohio Valley had Ohio Utility Protection Services "OUPS" mark the Site and this pipe was not identified. During a subsequent telephone conversation with Valerie Rule on May 23, 2013, Ms. Rule advised that the pipe is unidentified and no one is sure of its function and/or its location. She advised we are to assume the pipe runs straight and during construction of the canoe launch Ohio Valley should dig around to avoid it. Ms. Rule advised that the existence of the pipe is the reason that the slope to the canoe launch will be angled away from the pipe and be at 12-15%.

QUESTIONS: NONE

SITE PREPARATION AND PATHWAY CONSTRUCTION:

Ohio Valley representatives walked the length of the river pathway to determine any potential issues.

QUESTIONS:

1. In some areas of the path, the path runs extremely close to the edge of the cliff to the river. In those cases, how many feet from the edge of the river should the pathway strive to be when installed?
2. The permit from the Army Corp of Engineers specifies that "the permittee must place support mats over wetlands area when crossing with any equipment ..." During construction of the pathways, Ohio Valley may use equipment that is on treads. Are these treads sufficient to constitute the required support mats?

WATER STRUCTURE:

The engineer retained by Ohio Valley inspected the area where the water control structure will be installed. SEE attached photo labeled "water control structure". On 5.23.2013 I forwarded the email I received from Ms. Rule to Ohio Valley's engineer concerning the water structure. That email indicated that the purpose of the weir is to maintain only approximately 1/3 of pool area during the wet season to encourage the already established healthy amphibian population. The weir opening is to be placed as close to the existing weir opening as possible.

QUESTIONS: NONE

BOARDWALK:

Ohio Valley representatives inspected the proposed starting point for the boardwalk. SEE attached photos labeled "stake re boardwalk start" and "View of future boardwalk location". The engineer retained by Ohio Valley to design the boardwalk has indicated that he should have a preliminary drawing by late next week [on or about May 31, 2013]. Additionally, Ohio Valley has retained a geotechnical firm that will do the boring samples in the

boardwalk area necessary to determine the construction etc. of the boardwalk. Ohio Valley expects the boring samples to be taken on or about the first week of June and it then takes 15 days for the laboratory results. At that point, the boardwalk engineer, Isaac Lewin, will be able to make final adjustments to the plan.

QUESTIONS: NONE

PARKING LOT AND RAILING:

This area was inspected by Ohio Valley representatives.

QUESTIONS: During our site inspection we noticed an existing low spot in the roadway and all of the water spills down to the parking lot. If we move the entrance towards the center of the existing parking lot as we had previously discussed, we are concerned that the parking lot will have a constant water issue.

PLANTING:

The general area for the proposed planting was inspected by Ohio Valley representatives.

QUESTIONS: NONE

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

1. Footnote number 2 on Addendum A to the Master Agreement indicates that "any and all debris produced from clearing the river and woodland pathways will be dragged into the nearby woods and any and all excess soil will be graded off next to the constructed pathway. Additionally, to minimize negative impact upon existing tree roots, Ohio Valley will not perform any excavation of the pathway in areas that would disturb tree roots. In these areas, Ohio Valley will cut vegetation flush to grade, spray with herbicide and place mulch on top of area". Paragraph 3 of the Army Corp Permit states that "the disposal of trees, brush and other debris in any stream corridor, wetland or surface water is prohibited." Ohio Valley's question is whether its specification of work set forth above is consistent with the Army Corp requirements in that Ohio Valley plans to drag into the woods the debris from the path clearing. Please advise.
2. In an email dated 5.23.2013, Ms. Rule indicates that no herbicide is allowed on the canary grass in the wetland area. Ohio Valley queries as to whether herbicide can be used when constructing the river and woodland paths as set forth above in question 1.
3. During construction can Ohio Valley block access to the Site from the public? We propose to keep a locked gate at the entrance. This would prevent access to the Site by vehicles.

SCHEDULE:

A proposed schedule is attached.

SUBMITTED BY:

THE OHIO VALLEY GROUP, INC.

BY: _____

Andrew F. Dangelo

ITS: President

From: Valerie Rule
To: Dangelo, Kathleen
CC: Plaines, Anton
BC Rule, Valerie
Date: 5/28/2013 10:56 AM
Subject: Re: Ohio Valley Group

Kathleen,

Notes on Status Report:

- 1) spelling of de maximis is incorrect
- 2) No photo of photo of "pipe near canoe launch" is attached, as noted in the report. I already have a few photos of this myself, so no need to send it.
- 3) No photo of "view of future boardwalk location" is attached, as noted in the report.
- 4) I need a complete schedule of anticipated dates for all tasks. This schedule can be flexible, but we need to plan for and verify that OVG can perform all tasks within the preferred 2 mobilizations and 8 total weeks preferred.
- 5) Answers to questions in red below:

QUESTIONS:

1. In some areas of the path, the path runs extremely close to the edge of the cliff to the river. In those cases, how many feet from the edge of the river should the pathway strive to be when installed?

RESPONSE: Approximately 5 feet from edge of river to closest edge of pathway. If a tree is in the way, opt for the side of the tree that is furthest from the river. Avoid damaging tree roots in this process.

2. The permit from the Army Corp of Engineers specifies that "the permittee must place support mats over wetlands area when crossing with any equipment ..." During construction of the pathways, Ohio Valley may use equipment that is on treads. Are these treads sufficient to constitute the required support mats?

RESPONSE: I will ask.

To: de maximis, inc.

Attention: Valerie Rule

From: The Ohio Valley Group, Inc.

Date: May 31, 2013

Re: Ashtabula River Cooperation Group Project: JOB REFERENCE NUMBER 3176H

STATUS REPORT
Week ending 5.31.2013

The following summarizes the progress to date on the Ashtabula Township Park Commission Property – more fully described in the Master Professional Services Agreement entered into by and between the Ashtabula River Cooperation Group II and The Ohio Valley Group, Inc. on or about May 8, 2013 [hereinafter referred to as the "Ashtabula Project"]. The physical location of the Ashtabula Project will be referred to herein as the "Site".

GENERALLY:

1. A proposed time schedule was submitted on 5.29.2013. This schedule is dependent upon weather and material availability. A copy of this time schedule is attached hereto.
2. There is a meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 6, 2013 10:00 a.m. at the Site. Ohio Valley Group representatives will be present in addition to Ms. Rule on behalf of de maximis as well as Mike Wayman on behalf of the City of Ashtabula.
3. During a telephone conference call with Ms. Rule on 5.29.2013, Ohio Valley Group was advised that the Access Agreement between the trustees and the Ashtabula park Commission is in the process of being executed. No work can be performed until Ohio Valley Group receives a copy of the Agreement. **PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY TO OHIO VALLEY GROUP UPON YOUR RECEIPT.**

CANOE LAUNCH: Ohio Valley Group will begin marking the canoe launch area on June 3-4, 2013.

QUESTIONS: NONE

SITE PREPARATION AND PATHWAY CONSTRUCTION: Ohio Valley Group will begin marking the river and woodland pathways on June 3-4, 2013. Ohio Valley Group will begin cutting the Canary Grasses. Ohio Valley Group will request that the City of Ashtabula begin stock piling wood chips at the site on 6.10.2013.

WATER STRUCTURE: The water control device has been ordered and received by Ohio Valley Group.

QUESTIONS: NONE

BOARDWALK: The preliminary design should be prepared by Isaac Lewin no later than the close of business on May 31, 2013. Upon receipt, it will be forwarded to Ms. Rule. The geotechnical firm is scheduled to take boring samples of the site on or about the first week of June 2013.

QUESTIONS: NONE

PARKING LOT AND RAILING:

No updates.

PLANTING:

No update.

QUESTIONS: NONE

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

1. May Ohio Valley Group representatives still mark the pathways and canoe launch area as well as cut the Canary Grass as planned on June 3-4, 2013 without the Access Agreement in place?

SUBMITTED BY:

Andrew F. Dangelo

President, THE OHIO VALLEY GROUP, INC.

From: Kathleen Dangelo <Kathleen.Dangelo@OhioValleyGroup.com>
To: "valerie@demaximis.com" <valerie@demaximis.com>
Date: 6/4/2014 10:40 AM
Subject: Ohio Valley Group

Valerie:

This is an update on the work performed:

On 5.29 and 5.30 the following work was performed:

1. All replacement shrubs and trees per the plant material list that was approved were installed
 2. Also all shrubs and trees uprooted from last winter's weather were re-planted.
 3. Last, the first of five cuttings were performed
- As always, please let me know if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

Thanks, Andy

Andrew F. Dangelo
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To: de maximis, inc.

Attention: Valerie Rule
From: The Ohio Valley Group, Inc.
Date: June 7, 2013

Re: Ashtabula River Cooperation Group Project: JOB REFERENCE NUMBER 3176H

STATUS REPORT
Week ending 6.7.2013

The following summarizes the progress to date on the Ashtabula Township Park Commission Property – more fully described in the Master Professional Services Agreement entered into by and between the Ashtabula River Cooperation Group II and The Ohio Valley Group, Inc. on or about May 8, 2013 [hereinafter referred to as the “Ashtabula Project”]. The physical location of the Ashtabula Project will be referred to herein as the “Site”.

GENERALLY:

4. An on-Site meeting was held on June 6, 2013. Present at the meeting were the following:
 - On behalf of Ohio Valley: Andy Dangelo, Kathleen Dangelo and Keith Laninga
 - On behalf of de maximis: Valerie Rule
 - On behalf of the Ashtabula Township Park Commission: Mike Wayman, Commissioner
 - On behalf of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency: Regan [Sig] Williams
5. During the above-referenced Site meeting, all parties present walked all areas relevant to the Project.
6. License Agreement between Ashtabula Township Park Commission and de maximis provided to Ohio Valley Group.
7. Ohio Valley Group submitted its Health and Safety Plan to de maximis on June 5, 2013.
8. Ohio Valley will begin its mobilization on June 10, 2013.
9. During the June 6th Site visit, a reporter and photographer from the Ashtabula Star Beacon reported on the project. Projected publication date for the article is June 8th or June 9th.

ITEM REVIEW:

SITE PREPARATION AND PATHWAY CONSTRUCTION: During the week of June 3, 2013, Ohio Valley cut down the Canary Grass in the relevant areas. Additionally, on June 4, 2013, Ohio Valley marked the proposed river and woodland pathways.

During the June 6, 2013 Site meeting, Ms. Rule approved the locations of the river and woodland pathways marked previously by Ohio Valley Group.

WATER STRUCTURE: The water control device has been ordered and received by Ohio Valley Group.

QUESTIONS: NONE

BOARDWALK: A preliminary design of the boardwalk was provided to Ms. Rule on June 4, 2013 and she provided comments concerning some re-design of the boardwalk in a June 4, 2013 email. During the June 6, 2013 walk through, these issues were discussed. Ohio Valley Group will convey the changes to be made to Isaac Lewin, the engineer who prepared the drawings, and revisions will be made.

A representative from Professional Industries, Inc. was at the Site during the June 6th Site visit and with the approval of both Ohio Valley Group and Ms. Rule marked two locations [being the near two ends of the proposed boardwalk] at which boring samples will be taken on June 10, 2013. Results of these samples should be received within fifteen business days.

QUESTIONS: NONE

PARKING LOT AND RAILING:

The issue regarding excessive water from the road was addressed with all parties present and Ohio Valley Group will contact the City of Ashtabula Engineer's office to have that office assess the potential issue of the low spot in the roadway and recommend solutions [ie, installation of a catch basin]. It is presently unclear what entity would be responsible for addressing this issue.

QUESTIONS: Determine the feasibility of the City of Ashtabula remedying a potential issue regarding excessive water draining into the parking lot area.

QUESTIONS: In an email dated 6.7.2013, Ms. Rule inquired as to whether Ohio Valley would need a wider access than four feet at the walkway when the trees are delivered and whether the delivery of the trees will tear up the gravel path? Ohio Valley replied that the parking lot and gravel path to the boardwalk will likely be completed after the plantings to ensure these issues will not occur.

PLANTING:

Ohio Valley Group raised the issue of the feasibility of planting trees under a large power line easement that runs through part of the Site. The area is presently clear cut. Ms. Rule will contact the power company to determine if that easement must remain clear or if it can be planted and if so, if any height restrictions on the plant material are present.

QUESTIONS: In a 6.7.2013 email, Ms. Rule advised that based upon her conversation with the utility, she was told that 55 feet in both directions from the midpoint of the transmission line [total of 110 feet] is where the utility maintains its right of way and keeps it free from all woody vegetation with spraying of herbicide if needed. The utility indicated that if trees are planted in this area, they will be cut down, mowed down or sprayed with herbicide. This response will likely reduce the number of trees and shrubs that will be planted.

SUBMITTED BY:

Andrew F. Dangelo
President, THE OHIO VALLEY GROUP, INC.

To: de maximis, inc.

Attention: Valerie Rule

From: The Ohio Valley Group, Inc.

Date: June 14, 2013

Re: Ashtabula River Cooperation Group Project: JOB REFERENCE NUMBER 3176H

STATUS REPORT

Week ending 6.14.2013

The following summarizes the progress to date on the Ashtabula Township Park Commission Property – more fully described in the Master Professional Services Agreement entered into by and between the Ashtabula River Cooperation Group II and The Ohio Valley Group, Inc. on or about May 8, 2013 [hereinafter referred to as the "Ashtabula Project"]. The physical location of the Ashtabula Project will be referred to herein as the "Site".

GENERALLY:

1. Closure sign has not yet been received . Orange snow fencing will be installed the week of June 17, 2013 to help secure the Site.
2. An article concerning the project was published in the Ashtabula Star Beacon on June 11, 2013. A copy of the article is attached hereto.
3. Three changes to the projected schedule of work calendar were made in that the installation of the path from the parking lot to boardwalk; installation of crushed gravel path from parking lot and parking lot and railing were moved from the weeks of June 17th and 24th to the week of August 19th. This schedule change was due to concerns about potential damage to these areas during the boardwalk construction.

QUESTIONS:

1. What is anticipated date to receive closure sign for installation?

ITEMS:

SITE PREPARATION AND PATHWAY CONSTRUCTION:

- During the week of 6.10.2013, Ohio Valley commenced clearing the pathways of vegetation. The vegetation was weed whipped as low as possible and the remaining vegetation is now being excavated to a 3" depth in preparation for the installation of wood chips. Ohio Valley anticipates this excavation will be complete by the end of the day on 6.14.2013.
- Ms. Rule was on site during the week of 6.10.2013 and approved the progress.
- Ohio Valley remains on schedule despite the adverse weather conditions the week of 6.10.2013 which included heavy rainfall resulting in a large amount of puddling on the pathways which hampered progress to a degree.
- Installation of wood chips will begin on 6.13.2013 and continue through the week of 6.17.2013.

WATER STRUCTURE: Excavation for the water structure will begin on 6.17.2013 and continue through that week.

QUESTIONS: NONE

BOARDWALK:

- Geophysical boring samples were taken on 6.11.2013 at locations on Site set during the past week. Ohio Valley anticipates the results by the close of business on 6.14.2013.
- During the week of 6.10.2013, various revisions to the boardwalk drawings were made. New drawings, consistent with the specifications and comments made by Ms. Rule on 6.13.2013, will be received by early next week. Boardwalk engineer is awaiting geophysical boring results to determine depths of helical spheres. Drawings will be forwarded to de maximis immediately upon completion and, once approved, final boardwalk cost will be developed within five to seven business days.

CANOE LAUNCH:

- Excavation of the canoe launch area will begin on 6.17.2013 and continue through that week.
- Silt fences will be installed on 6.17.2013 at the edge of the areas of disturbance and into the water in that area prior to the excavation commencing.


PARKING LOT AND RAILING:

Commencement of work on the parking lot and railing as well as the installation of the pathway from the parking lot to the boardwalk were moved from 6.17.2013 to the week of 8.19.2013 due to concerns about potential damage to the area during boardwalk construction. See revised calendar submitted with this report.

PLANTING:

No updates

SUBMITTED BY:


Andrew F. D'Angelo
President, THE OHIO VALLEY GROUP, INC.

Attachments: Revised Schedule Calendar; Star Beacon Article

ASHTABULA PROJECT - JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 Misc. Office work	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Mobilization Delivery of equipment/trailer/material Installation of closure sign Start cutting paths & canoe launch area	11	12	13 Start installation of wood chips	14	15
16	17 Wood chips continue	18	19 Excavate canoe Launch area	20	21 Install sign at end of river pathway	22
23	24 Installation & Weir & Pipeline	25	26	27	28	29
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ASHTABULA PROJECT - JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Extra days to complete unfinished work if needed	2 →	3 →	4 HOLIDAY	5	6
7	8 OPEN WEEK	9 →	10 →	11 →	12 →	13
14	15 OPEN WEEK	16 →	17 →	18 →	19 →	20
21	22 Start Boardwalk	23 →	24 →	25 →	26 →	27
28	29 Boardwalk	30 →	31 →			

ASHTABULA PROJECT - AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Boardwalk	2 →	3
4	5 Boardwalk	6 →	7 →	8 →	9 →	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Boardwalk	→	→	→	→	
18	19 Installation of pathway from parking lot to boardwalk	20 →	21 →	22 →	23 →	24
	Installation of crushed gravel path from parking lot Parking lot & railing	→ → →	→ → →	→ → →	→ → →	
25	26 OPEN WEEK	27 →	28 →	29 →	30	31

ASHTABULA PROJECT - SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Tree & Shrub Planting	3 →	4 →	5 →	6 →	7
8	9 Tree & Shrub Planting	10 →	11 →	12 →	13 →	14
15	16 Tree & Shrub Planting	17 →	18 →	19 →	20 →	21
22	23 Tree & Shrub Planting	24 →	25 →	26 →	27 →	28
29	30					



June 8, 2013

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Enhancement project to begin at Indian Trails Park

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ASHTABULA TOWNSHIP — Imagine a boardwalk, observation point and nature walking trail over wetlands at Indians Trails Park. Add to that dream an easily accessible primitive canoe launch to the Ashtabula River.

"The good news is this new park enhancement project is beginning on East 24th Street at the northern terminus of Indian Trails Park," said Michael Wayman, president of Ashtabula Township Park Commission.

The project is being funded from a settlement of natural resource damage claims with the Ashtabula River Cooperation Group II (ARCG II). The ARCG II is an association of companies organized for the purpose of implementing the Ashtabula River cleanup.

The ARCG II and the Ashtabula River natural resource damage trustees, including U.S. Fish and Wildlife, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, agreed to settle natural resource damage claims in 2008. The trustees determined that natural resources



Employees of The Ohio Valley Group check out land that will be developed as a woodland wetland near West 24th Street behind the Ashtabula County Medical Center.



Valeri Rule (center), project manager for de maximis, talks with Sig Williams, (left) environmental scientist for the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, and Mike Wayman, president of the Ashtabula Township Park Commission regarding a wooded wetland that will be developed along East 24th St. in Ashtabula behind the Ashtabula County Medical Center.



Partners in the development of a wooded wetland at Indian Trails Park (from left) Andrew F. Dangelo, Keith J. Laninga (both of The Ohio Valley Group), Valerie Rule, project manager for de maximis; Kathleen Dangelo of the Ohio Valley Group; Sig Williams, environmental scientist of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and Mike Wayman, president of the Ashtabula Township Park Commission announced the project that will include a canoe launch, boardwalk and

were damaged and the public suffered a observation point.
loss of natural resource services, such as fishing and boating, Wayman said.

Under the settlement, ARCG II is implementing restoration actions such as this park and also buying other ecologically valuable properties along the river to protect Ashtabula's natural resources for the future.

The park commission purchased this property in 2006 with money provided through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This acquisition added more than 37 acres to the existing Indian Trails Park.

"Of these 37 acres, the majority of the property is a flood plain with wetland, pond and woodland features," Wayman said. "The deed for the property includes an environmental covenant intended to keep the property in its natural state and protect this ecologically valuable land."

Indians Trails Park alone has 402 acres along a four-mile stretch of the Ashtabula River, designated in 2008 as a State Scenic River. The designation gives the river a higher level of protection. It does not infringe upon the rights of private property owners, but it does give the river's advisory council some authority over public projects affecting the stream.

de maximis, inc. is the project coordinator for the ARCG II and will manage activities at Indian Trails Park. The Ohio Valley Group, a landscape development company from Chagrin Falls, has been selected to perform restoration activities in the new park area.

Valerie Rule, a professional engineer with de maximis' Knoxville, Tenn. office, was on site Thursday. She said they want to keep the park as natural as possible.

"We will be planting trees to establish woodland wetland," she said. "This will encourage an amphibian population."

Wayman said they are committed to utilizing Ashtabula residents to perform the improvements at this park.

"The Ashtabula Township Park Commission is excited to be working with the NRD Trustees, ARCG II, de maximis, and Ohio Valley Group and is pleased that the NRD Trustees selected this project for Indian Trails Park which will be an asset for the entire Ashtabula community," he said.

The commission acquired the first parcel of what would become Indian Trails in November 1908. It was the Frank Adams and Howard Knox property, which was on Main Street, nearly opposite Sycamore Street. By late December, more land in the gulf of the Ashtabula River was bought from Mary A. and C.O. Smith, A.H. Morgan, and L. J. Fargo. The land sold from \$1,000 to \$5,000 with some donated, according to the Ashtabula Township Park website.

The Star Beacon; Ashtabula, Ohio 4626 Park Ave. Ashtabula, OH 44004

To: de maximis, inc.

Attention: Valerie Rule

From: The Ohio Valley Group, Inc.

Date: June 20, 2013

Re: Ashtabula River Cooperation Group Project: JOB REFERENCE NUMBER 3176H

STATUS REPORT DATED 6.21.2013

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GENERALLY:

1. Closure sign has not yet been received .
2. In order to secure the site, Ohio Valley Group places its truck at the entrance during the work day and at the conclusion of the day, Ohio Valley Group places orange snow fencing around the area to prevent public access. However, each morning, Ohio Valley Group crews find that the fence is taken down and there are empty beer cans strewn around the site. Until the closure sign is received Ohio Valley Group will install a temporary closed sign from plywood. However, it appears that the security of the site is an issue. Ohio Valley Group telephoned the City of Ashtabula Police Department [440.992.7172] and reported the issue and requested additional night patrols in the area.
3. Per an email dated 6.19.2013 from Mr. Rule, the Trustees support the placement of educational signs showing wetland flora and fauna. This will be done next year after the wetland plantings become established.

QUESTIONS:

1. What is anticipated date to receive closure sign for installation?

ITEMS:

SITE PREPARATION AND PATHWAY CONSTRUCTION:

- The pathways have been fully excavated and wood chips have been installed up to the area south of the weir.

QUESTIONS:

1. Ohio Valley Group has placed a call to Mike Wayman regarding receiving more wood chips so the installation of the wood chips in the areas of the area from the canoe launch, extending to the boardwalk. As of today's date, we have not heard back from Mr. Wayman.

WATER STRUCTURE:

- On Tuesday, June 18, 2013, the engineer Joe Gutoskey set elevation pins for the weir. Excavation of the weir began on June 20, 2013. Silt fencing was installed on 6.17.2013 in the areas of disturbance. Gravel will be placed around the piping prior to it being covered. A revised sketch will be produced indicating the placement of the gravel.
- Portions of the weir were excavated on 6.20.2013. See photos attached.

BOARDWALK:

- The geophysical report was received and provided to de maximis on Monday, June 17, 2013.
- Revised boardwalk drawings were provided to de maximis on Monday, June 17, 2013. de maximis sent these drawings to the trustees for approval.
- The geophysical report indicated that the soil consists of silt and clay with varying degrees of silt, clay, gravel and peat with a loose to medium density.
- Based upon the geophysical report, Ohio Valley Group's engineers added additional supports to the boardwalk. See attached drawings S-1 and S-2 dated 6.19.2013.
- Ohio Valley Group should have a firm price for boardwalk construction by June 26, 2013.

CANOE LAUNCH:

- Excavation of the canoe launch area began on 6.18.2013. Excavation of the area is complete as of 6.20.2013. Rip rap is scheduled to be installed on 6.21.2013. Seeding and straw matting will be completed on 6.21.2013.
- Silt fences were installed on 6.17.2013 at the edge of the areas of disturbance and into the water in that area prior to the excavation commencing.

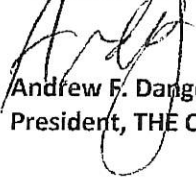
PARKING LOT AND RAILING:

- Ohio Valley Group disassembled the existing gate and it is available for Mr. Wayman to pick up.

PLANTING:

- Per Mr. Rule's 6.19.2013 email, the Trustees agree that trees and shrubs should not be planted within the right of way of the First Energy transmission lines and the Trustees will support the ATPC request to leave a clear view of the boardwalk by planting fewer trees in the area near the boardwalk entry.

SUBMITTED BY:



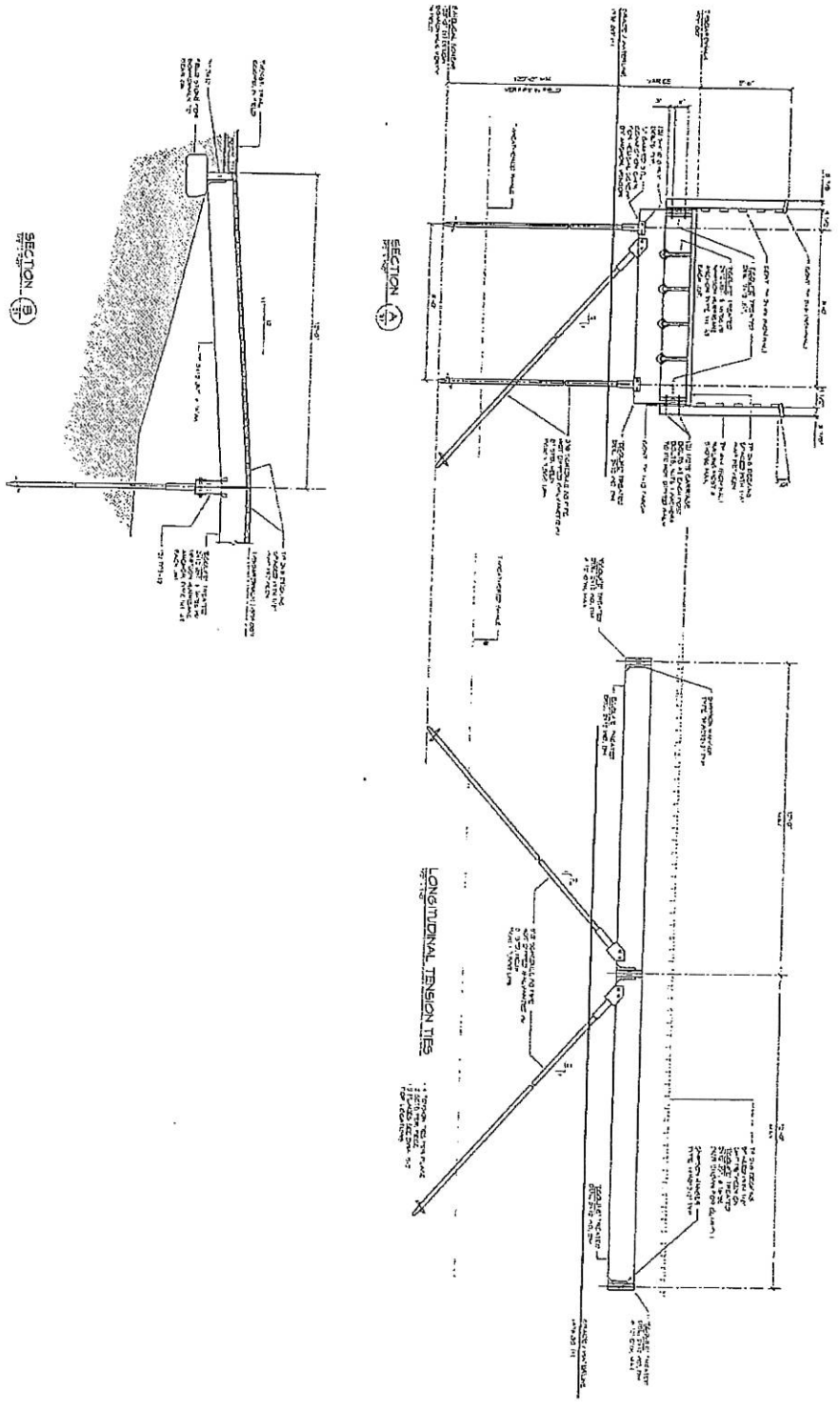
Andrew F. Dangelo
President, THE OHIO VALLEY GROUP, INC.

Attachments:

Drawings S-1 and S-2 dated 6.19.2013

Photos taken 6.20.2013 showing the canoe launch excavation, weir area excavation, chipped pathways and temporary closed sign





PRELIMINARY
NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION
06-19-13

REVISION	DATE	BY
1	06-19-13	ASHTABULA
2	06-19-13	ASHTABULA
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9	06-19-13	ASHTABULA
10	06-19-13	ASHTABULA

PROPOSED OBSERVATION BOARDWALK -for-
ASHTABULA PARK
EAST 24th STREET
ASHTABULA, OHIO



REVISION	DATE	BY
1	06-19-13	ASHTABULA
2	06-19-13	ASHTABULA
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6	06-19-13	ASHTABULA
7	06-19-13	ASHTABULA
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9	06-19-13	ASHTABULA
10	06-19-13	ASHTABULA

To: de maximis, inc.

Attention: Valerie Rule

From: The Ohio Valley Group, Inc.

Date: June 28, 2013

Re: Ashtabula River Cooperation Group Project: JOB REFERENCE NUMBER 3176H

**STATUS REPORT
DATED 6.28.2013**

The following summarizes the progress to date on the Ashtabula Township Park Commission Property – more fully described in the Master Professional Services Agreement entered into by and between the Ashtabula River Cooperation Group II and The Ohio Valley Group, Inc. on or about May 8, 2013 [hereinafter referred to as the “Ashtabula Project”]. The physical location of the Ashtabula Project will be referred to herein as the “Site”.

GENERALLY:

1. Closure sign has been received and installed.

ITEMS:

SITE PREPARATION AND PATHWAY CONSTRUCTION:

- The pathways are completed.
- Second cutting of Canary Grass [Item 3E] occurred on 6.21.2013

QUESTIONS: None

WATER STRUCTURE:

- Water structure complete. Engineer has been asked to provide final drawings.

BOARDWALK:

- Revised boardwalk pricing [based on geotechnical report and engineering specs] provided to de maximis on 6.25.2013.

CANOE LAUNCH:

- Completed

PARKING LOT AND RAILING:

- No new report.

PLANTING:

- No new report.

SUBMITTED BY:

Andrew F. Dangelo

President, THE OHIO VALLEY GROUP, INC.

To: de maximis, inc.

Attention: Valerie Rule

From: The Ohio Valley Group, Inc.

Date: July 19, 2013

Re: Ashtabula River Cooperation Group Project: JOB REFERENCE NUMBER 3176H

**STATUS REPORT
DATED 7.19.2013**

The following summarizes the progress to date on the Ashtabula Township Park Commission Property – more fully described in the Master Professional Services Agreement entered into by and between the Ashtabula River Cooperation Group II and The Ohio Valley Group, Inc. on or about May 8, 2013 [hereinafter referred to as the "Ashtabula Project"]. The physical location of the Ashtabula Project will be referred to herein as the "Site".

ITEMS:

SITE PREPARATION AND PATHWAY CONSTRUCTION:

- Third cutting of Canary Grass [Item 3E] began on 7.18.2013. Note: the area has dried up considerably and we have been able to cut further in. Additionally, we have instructed our crews to keep the paths maintained.

QUESTIONS: None

WATER STRUCTURE:

- Water structure complete. Engineer has been asked to provide final drawings. We expect to have those by next week.

BOARDWALK:

- Stamped and approved boardwalk drawings have been delivered to de maximis on 7.18.2013.
- Ohio Valley Group plans to retain Ram Jack to install the helical piles. Documentation regarding Ram Jack's qualifications are attached hereto.
- Boardwalk price has been changed to \$159,360.00
- Boardwalk revised schedule: We anticipate installing the helical piers on or about August 1 or 2, 2013. Commencing August 5, 2013, remainder of material will be delivered to site and construction of boardwalk will begin.

CANOE LAUNCH:

- Completed

PARKING LOT AND RAILING:

- Mike Wayman met with William Jepson [Ashtabula City Engineering Tech/Code Inspector] on 7.18.2013 at the Site. Mr. Jepson plans on writing a letter with respect what needs to be done regarding the drainage issues into the parking lot. Ms. Rule was copied on Mr. Wayman's 7.18.2013 email detailing the meeting.

PLANTING:

- Plants have been sourced and will be ordered.

SUBMITTED BY:

Andrew F. Dangelo

President, THE OHIO VALLEY GROUP, INC.

To: de maximis, inc.
Attention: Valerie Rule
From: The Ohio Valley Group, Inc.
Date: August 5, 2013
Re: Ashtabula River Cooperation Group Project: JOB REFERENCE NUMBER 3176H

**STATUS REPORT
DATED 8.9.2013**

The following summarizes the progress to date on the Ashtabula Township Park Commission Property – more fully described in the Master Professional Services Agreement entered into by and between the Ashtabula River Cooperation Group II and The Ohio Valley Group, Inc. on or about May 8, 2013 [hereinafter referred to as the "Ashtabula Project"]. The physical location of the Ashtabula Project will be referred to herein as the "Site".

GENERALLY:

- Several photographs taken 8.8.2013 showing the construction of the boardwalk are attached for your files and review.

ITEMS:

SITE PREPARATION AND PATHWAY CONSTRUCTION:

- No changes.

WATER STRUCTURE:

- Revised as-built drawing provided to Ms. Rule per her request on 8.5.20.13.

BOARDWALK:

- Boardwalk construction began on 8.5.2013. All materials have been ordered and it are being delivered . On August 5, 2013, over sixty percent of the material was delivered. The remaining forty percent will be delivered on August 12, 2013.
- During the week of 8.5.2013, the helical piers were installed. Site conditions required the installation of two [2] additional piers at an additional cost of \$650.00 per pier. Verbal consent was given by Ms. Rule for this and change order number 1 was submitted by Ohio Valley on 8.8.2013 to de maximis.
- As of 8.8.2013, helical piers have been installed starting at the northern most point headed toward the observation deck and the piers for the deck have also been installed for a total number of forty-one [41] installed piers as of 8.8.2014 .

CANOE LAUNCH:

- Item completed

PARKING LOT AND RAILING:

- Ohio Valley Group would like to order the posts and guardrails. However, we must ascertain whether wood posts in certain areas are acceptable. Ohio Valley has contacted Mr. Bill Jepson [City of Ashtabula engineer] by telephone and email on 8.8.2013 to confirm that certain wood posts are acceptable. We are awaiting his reply prior to ordering any material.

QUESTION:

- On July 19, 2013, Mr. Jepson wrote to Mr. Wayman regarding the joint inspection of the parking lot by Messrs. Jepson and Wayman on 7.18.2013. In that letter, Mr. Jepson listed the updates and corrections to the parking lot that must be completed. These include the following:
 1. Provide flat scupper basin 2' x 3' ODT SPEC, in the apron at berm with 12" pipe and piped to down flow basin trench in green space, south of curb and core bore basin wall from tie-in.

2. Remove existing apron and provide curb;
3. Provide new apron with type C concrete 6" thickness ODOT spec requirements. Apron width determined by Ashtabula Parks Township Commission;
4. Provide end caps on each side of guard rail new openings;
5. Provide new guardrail at old apron site;
6. Seed and straw flat work after completion.

Items 4, 5 and 6 are clearly within the scope of the Agreement and will be completed by Ohio Valley as part of Items 7A, 7B and 7C. Items 1 through 3 are outside the scope of the RFP and, therefore, are not included in the Agreement.

Please let us know how you would like to proceed with items 1 through 3, above.

PLANTING:

- Ohio Valley is waiting on a revised plant list has been sent to Ms. Rule for approval.

SUBMITTED BY:

Andrew F. Dangelo
President, THE OHIO VALLEY GROUP, INC.

To: de maximis, inc.

Attention: Valerie Rule

From: The Ohio Valley Group, Inc.

Date: August 15, 2013

Re: Ashtabula River Cooperation Group Project: JOB REFERENCE NUMBER 3176H

**STATUS REPORT
DATED 8.15.2013**

The following summarizes the progress to date on the Ashtabula Township Park Commission Property – more fully described in the Master Professional Services Agreement entered into by and between the Ashtabula River Cooperation Group II and The Ohio Valley Group, Inc. on or about May 8, 2013 [hereinafter referred to as the "Ashtabula Project"]. The physical location of the Ashtabula Project will be referred to herein as the "Site".

ITEMS:

SITE PREPARATION AND PATHWAY CONSTRUCTION:

- No changes.

WATER STRUCTURE:

- Complete

BOARDWALK:

- Boardwalk construction continued the week of 8.12.2013. Ninety percent [90%] of the boardwalk materials have been delivered to the Site.
- During the week of 8.12.2013, helical piers continued to be installed.
- As of 8.16.2013, all helical piers have been installed.
- As of 8.16.2013, approximately 33% of the boardwalk has been installed.
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CANOE LAUNCH:

- Item completed

PARKING LOT AND RAILING:

- Ohio Valley has ordered the posts and guard rails for the parking lot. Per Change Order 2 dated 8.13.2013 the cost of this has increased by \$499.97 due to the use of steel posts instead of wooden posts that were specified in the Agreement.
- With respect to the parking lot, as part of the Agreement, Ohio Valley Group will perform Items 4 through 6 of the list below [from the 7.19.13 letter to Mr. Wayman] related to the parking lot issues and de maximis is locating a contractor to perform items 1 through 3.
 1. Provide flat scupper basin 2' x 3' ODT SPEC, in the apron at berm with 12" pipe and piped to down flow basin trench in green space, south of curb and core bore basin wall from tie-in.
 2. Remove existing apron and provide curb;
 3. Provide new apron with type C concrete 6" thickness ODOT spec requirements. Apron width determined by Ashtabula Parks Township Commission;
 4. Provide end caps on each side of guard rail new openings;
 5. Provide new guardrail at old apron site;
 6. Seed and straw flat work after completion.

QUESTIONS: Ohio Valley understands that the Township wishes to have a bollard that is hinged to allow for emergency access to be placed at the top of the gravel path that leads from the parking lot to the boardwalk. We are unsure of the status of this and if possible, would like an update so we can determine the opening size.

PLANTING:

- Ohio Valley Group is awaiting final approval on the plant material list.

SUBMITTED BY:

Andrew F. Dangelo
President, THE OHIO VALLEY GROUP, INC.

To: de maximis, inc.
Attention: Valerie Rule
From: The Ohio Valley Group, Inc.
Date: September 5, 2013
Re: Ashtabula River Cooperation Group Project: JOB REFERENCE NUMBER 3176H

**STATUS REPORT
DATED 9.5.2013**

The following summarizes the progress to date on the Ashtabula Township Park Commission Property – more fully described in the Master Professional Services Agreement entered into by and between the Ashtabula River Cooperation Group II and The Ohio Valley Group, Inc. on or about May 8, 2013 [hereinafter referred to as the "Ashtabula Project"]. The physical location of the Ashtabula Project will be referred to herein as the "Site".

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

- de maximis was to determine if the permit to pull water from the river could be attached to the current permit. Please advise as soon as possible.
- de maximis was to obtain permission from the trustees to allow Ohio Valley Group to take photos and otherwise use this job on its website and other media.

ITEMS:

SITE PREPARATION AND PATHWAY CONSTRUCTION:

- The fourth cutting of the Canary Reed Grass was done on 8.29.2013 and 8.30.2013

WATER STRUCTURE:

- Complete

BOARDWALK:

- All components are complete except for two ramps, benches, on the platform and the rails. Work has begun on the rails the week of 8.26.2013.
- Work continues to progress with an anticipated completion date of 9.13.2013 [weather pending]

CANOE LAUNCH:

- Item completed

PARKING LOT AND RAILING:

- Deconstruction of the west, east and south area of the parking areas has been completed;
- Posts and railed have been ordered and delivered and are on site.
- Ohio Valley is still waiting on a date from the company that is to install the concrete apron to the parking area – therefore, the rails have not been removed so public access will be prevented.

PLANTING:

- All wetland trees and wetland shrubs have been delivered and are on site. Planting is progressing.
- Ohio Valley Group watered all trees and shrubs on site on 9.5.2013.

SUBMITTED BY:

Andrew F. Dangelo
President, THE OHIO VALLEY GROUP, INC.

To: de maximis, inc.

Attention: Valerie Rule

From: The Ohio Valley Group, Inc.

Date: September 13, 2013

Re: Ashtabula River Cooperation Group Project: JOB REFERENCE NUMBER 3176H

**STATUS REPORT
DATED 9.13.2013**

The following summarizes the progress to date on the Ashtabula Township Park Commission Property – more fully described in the Master Professional Services Agreement entered into by and between the Ashtabula River Cooperation Group II and The Ohio Valley Group, Inc. on or about May 8, 2013 [hereinafter referred to as the "Ashtabula Project"]. The physical location of the Ashtabula Project will be referred to herein as the "Site".

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

- de maximis was to determine if the permit to pull water from the river could be attached to the current permit.
 - ❖ Ohio Valley has been advised by de maximis that it is allowed to pump water from the river with no permit necessary.
 - ❖ **QUESTION: Does this permission extend into 2014?**
- **Please advise on status of obtaining permission from the trustees to allow Ohio Valley Group to take photos and otherwise use this job on its website and other media.**

ITEMS:

SITE PREPARATION AND PATHWAY CONSTRUCTION:

- The fifth and final cutting of the Canary Reed Grass will occur by the end of September 2013.
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WATER STRUCTURE:

- Complete

BOARDWALK:

- Construction continuing to progress. Anticipated completion date of 9.13.2013 will not be met due to weather delays and the fact that man power was reallocated in order to plant the plant material. We anticipate completion of construction in two weeks [weather pending] .
- On 9.12.2013, Ohio Group was advised verbally by Anton Plaines that it did not have to comply with ADA wheel chair ramp requirements and the 1-12 pitch on the ramps.
- Ramps will be complete by 9.20.2013

CANOE LAUNCH:

- Item completed

PARKING LOT AND RAILING:

- Anton Plaines requests a meeting mid next week with Ohio Valley Group to verify placement of all posts and railings
- Anton Plaines has verified the use of 411 lime stone to be used on the parking lot and on the walkway to the boardwalk.

PLANTING:

- One hundred percent of the trees and shrubs have been planted. Next week the plant material will be staked, wired and guarded as required.
- Ohio Valley Group noticed that the deer were eating the leaves of the Maple and Dogwood trees. Anton Plaines gave Ohio Valley verbal permission to apply SCRAM [all natural, organic product to help repel deer] to these trees. The deer aren't hurting the tree buds, merely eating the leaves. This will not affect the health of these trees.
- Ohio Valley Group has continued to water the plant material as necessary.

SUBMITTED BY:

Andrew F. Dangelo
President, THE OHIO VALLEY GROUP, INC.

To: de maximis, inc.

Attention: Valerie Rule

From: The Ohio Valley Group, Inc.

Date: October 7, 2013

Re: Ashtabula River Cooperation Group Project: JOB REFERENCE NUMBER 3176H

**STATUS REPORT
DATED 10.7.2013**

The following summarizes the progress to date on the Ashtabula Township Park Commission Property – more fully described in the Master Professional Services Agreement entered into by and between the Ashtabula River Cooperation Group II and The Ohio Valley Group, Inc. on or about May 8, 2013 [hereinafter referred to as the "Ashtabula Project"]. The physical location of the Ashtabula Project will be referred to herein as the "Site".

GENERAL ITEMS:

Andy Dangelo met at the Site on Friday, October 4, 2013 with Mike Wayman. Mr. Wayman brought up the following issues:

- **MOVEMENT OF RAILS/BOARDWALK-** Mr. Wayman was concerned that there may be too much movement of the rails and boardwalk. Ohio Valley spoke with Isaac Lewin [the engineer who drew the boardwalk specifications]. He advised that movement on a structure such as this is perfectly normal and not a cause for concern. In looking at the structure on Friday, it appears that once the posts start to move, they in turn, move the joists underneath causing movement. The boardwalk is, however, structurally sound. However, Mr. Wayman still does not like the movement in the structure. Accordingly, Ohio Valley is willing to attempt a solution-- Ohio Valley plans to add some 2 x 12 boards and 2 x 6 boards underneath the boardwalk to help support the posts to the rails. We think this will minimize any movement. We will attempt this on 25% of the boardwalk to determine the results.
- **MR. WAYMAN WOULD LIKE RAILS ON THE RAMPS OF BOTH SIDES OF THE BOARDWALK:** Mr. Wayman is concerned about the potential safety issues that exist without the rails.
- **MR. WAYMAN INQUIRED ABOUT WHY THE MULTI-FLORA ROSES WERE NOT CUT DOWN.** Ohio Valley was advised previously not to cut this down.
- **MR. WAYMAN REQUESTED THAT KNOT WEED LOCATED BETWEEN THE RIVER AND THE WEIR BE CUT DOWN.**
- **STATIC ELECTRICALITY AT SITE:** Mr. Wayman feels that this needs to be corrected.
- **MR. WAYMAN IS CONCERNED ABOUT ICE BACK UP FROM THE RIVER.**
- **MR. WAYMAN WANTED WOOD CHIPS ALONG THE PATHS REAPPLIED IN THE SPRING AND GENERALLY NEATEN THE AREA UP PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE PARK.**

ITEMS:

SITE PREPARATION AND PATHWAY CONSTRUCTION:

- Canary grass cutting complete for 2013.

WATER STRUCTURE:

- Complete

BOARDWALK:

- Boardwalk is completed according to the approved drawings.

- **QUESTION:** RamJack was at the Site mid last week without any request or approval from Ohio Valley. When Ohio Valley was at the Site on Friday, October 4, 2013 it appeared that RamJack's actions pulled the boardwalk in the wrong direction and parts of it now are warped.

CANOE LAUNCH:

- Item completed

PARKING LOT AND RAILING:

- In progress. Projected completion date is Friday, October 11, 2013.

PLANTING:

- Plantings are complete.

SUBMITTED BY:

Andrew F. Dangelo
President, THE OHIO VALLEY GROUP, INC.

From: Kathleen Dangelo <Kathleen.Dangelo@OhioValleyGroup.com>
To: valerie@demaximis.com
Date: 11/4/2013 12:38 PM
Subject: RE: Ashtabula River Project
Attachments: weir.pdf

Valerie- sorry about the delay in replying to your email.

I have attached the information we have about the weir. Also, I am meeting Mike Wayman at the site on Friday, November 9th at noon and will give him the tools for the weir and at that time, I will also remove the closed sign.

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Thanks, Andy

Andrew F. Dangelo

President

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From: Valerie Rule [mailto:valerie@demaximis.com]
Sent: Monday, November 04, 2013 9:36 AM
To: Kathleen Dangelo
Subject: Re: Ashtabula River Project

Kathleen and Andy,

Did you receive this email?

I have a couple questions/requests highlighted in red:

>>> Valerie Rule 10/30/2013 4:03 PM >>>

Kathleen and Andy,

The Trustees have decided to require the Township to be responsible for additional work on the boardwalk, and to use local labor to perform the additional tasks needed on the boardwalk, so we will not be proceeding with any of the additional change orders.

The remaining tasks for OVG are the year of maintenance to maintain the health of the trees and bushes and to plant additional trees and bushes next year as needed.

I have been asked for any paperwork that came with the weir that was purchased. If you still have this, can you forward it on to me. A scanned copy is fine.

We also need the control handle for the gate valve to be passed onto Mike Wayman.

One last request is, can you please remove the sign that says do not enter. I hope you agree this should be part of the demobilization.

Thank you very much for your work on this project. I understand that the park is getting rave reviews from the residents.

Valerie

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