



Dear Municipal Manager/Administrator,

July 19, 2019

The Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) is a statewide organization that for 50 years has been supporting environmental commissions, local boards, and public officials advocating for strong local, state, and regional environmental policy. Most recently, we have been working with both local officials and the state legislature to educate them on the importance of reducing single-use bags and polystyrene.

It has come to our attention that you may have received a letter from Linda Doherty, President and CEO of New Jersey Food Council, regarding the statewide legislative initiative to phase out the use of single-use plastic bags, paper bags, and polystyrene. We would like to take this time to clarify some of the misconceptions in this letter.

Municipalities that put forth a single-use plastic, paper, or polystyrene reduction ordinance receive the benefit of less pollution and litter, while encouraging sustainable behavior. Right now, there are over 50 local ordinances reducing single-use plastic or polystyrene throughout the state, with many more municipalities considering similar regulations. This local action is so critical to New Jersey as we begin to change consumer behavior and phase out single-use bags.

Contrary to what critics say, almost all ordinances, and the statewide legislation, offer exemptions for single-use plastic for food safety reasons. This can include meat, fish, and poultry, and in the legislation businesses are allowed to use small produce bags to prevent meat and other food items from contaminating another item.

Also, ending our dependence on polystyrene, also known as Styrofoam, is essential to the health of New Jersey's residents and environment. It takes more than half a millennium for a Styrofoam cup to break down, and it carries toxins that move up the food chain to endanger human health. There are several thriving businesses that have already phased out polystyrene and have come up with sustainable alternatives.

While ANJEC supports the statewide legislation, at the same time we support local action. The two are not mutually exclusive. There is no time to waste in reducing our plastic and polystyrene usage, and these regulations are what push the state to act. Lawmakers are encouraged by municipalities protecting their natural resources and reducing litter.

We hope you will continue to fight against plastic and polystyrene pollution and will consider regulations to do so in your own municipality. This momentum will only help New Jersey move forward as we work to achieve a responsible and sustainable future for New Jersey's families and businesses.

We are more than happy to assist you with model ordinances, training sessions, and other resources to help reduce plastic usage if you are interested in moving forward with an ordinance. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions at (973) 539-7574 or jcoffey@anjec.org. Thank you for considering reducing plastic in your municipality as we work toward a plastic-free future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jennifer M. Coffey'.

Jennifer M. Coffey
Executive Director



July 30, 2019

Via Electronic Mail (mpzichelli@glenridgenj.org) and Regular Mail

Borough of Glen Ridge
825 Bloomfield Avenue
Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028

Attn.: Michael Zichelli, AICP/PP
Deputy Administrator

Re.: Borough of Glen Ridge, County of Essex, State of New Jersey
Lead Service Water-Line & Fire Hydrant Replacement Re-Bid
Bid Review and Recommendation
Our File No.: SCE-R08859.011

Dear Mr. Zichelli:

SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS INC. (SCE) is providing this letter in regard to the Bid Opening for the above referenced project. On Tuesday, July 23, 2019, at 11:00 AM, the bids received for the referenced project were opened at the Borough of Glen Ridge (Borough) in the Borough Hall. Four (4) bids were received at the time of the bid opening, which the Borough tabulated on the attached Summary of Bids table. The Engineer's Estimate for the total project (Contracts I, II, and III) was \$2,447,050.00. The bids received for the total project ranged from \$1,910,725.00 to \$2,899,694.45.

The review of bids included the evaluation of the bid prices provided by each bidder, as follows:

Bidder	Contract I	Contracts I and II	Contracts I, II and III
Engineer's Estimate	\$745,050.00	\$1,639,225.00	\$2,447,050.00
John Garcia Construction Co., Inc.	\$586,825.00	\$1,276,275.00	\$1,910,725.00
Jo-Med Contracting Corp.	\$657,850.20	\$1,451,650.40	\$2,169,850.60
North American Pipeline Services LLC	\$685,701.00	\$1,512,952.00	\$2,258,603.00
Roman E&G Corp.	\$868,279.45	\$1,932,009.45	\$2,899,694.45

The number of the bids received as well as their values, indicate that competitive bidding was achieved. Our review of the four (4) indicated that **John Garcia Construction Co., Inc.** is the apparent low responsive bidder for the total project (Contracts I, II and III), as well as the low responsive bidder for Contract I and for Contracts I and II.



John Garcia Construction Co., Inc. has completed lead service replacement contracts similar in magnitude and higher, including projects for the Borough of Glen Ridge as well as projects designed by our office. SCE believes that *John Garcia Construction Co., Inc.* is capable of performing the work under this contract. Additionally, SCE has checked the State of New Jersey Debarment Report. Per the report, *John Garcia Construction Co., Inc.* status is satisfactory.

SCE is in the process of finalizing the Authorization to Award package for submission to NJDEP for review and approval. Pending receipt of said approval and attorney review of the bid submissions, SCE recommends awarding Contracts I, II and III to *John Garcia Construction Co., Inc.* in the amount of \$1,910,725.00, subject to available funds.

Should there be any questions regarding this recommendation, please contact our office. Thank you.

Very truly yours,
SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. S. Holt', written over a horizontal line.

Andrew S. Holt, PE, PP, CME
Utility Engineer

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Cc: Michael Rohal, Borough Administrator (mjrohal@glenridgenj.org)



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July, 2019

Dear Mayor, Council Member, Municipal Clerk and/or Municipal Representative:
Greetings from the 2019 New Jersey Senior Olympics!!!

I am extremely proud to announce that Woodbridge Township will again serve as host to the New Jersey Senior Olympic games on September 6, 7 & 8, 2019. This is the 13th consecutive year that Woodbridge Township has welcomed the statewide Senior Olympic competition. While last year's games were tremendously successful with more than 1,200 participating Senior athletes from across New Jersey, we are convinced that the 2019 games – sponsored by Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey – will be even more exciting and well-attended. And that's why I am sending you this personal invitation – and challenge – to reach out and engage your Senior community to register and participate in the 2019 New Jersey Senior Olympic games!!!

One sure way to ensure Senior participation in the upcoming New Jersey Senior Olympic games is through a sponsorship program. Why not sponsor your towns' Senior athletes by picking-up a portion of the registration fee? In Woodbridge, we offer our Senior athletes and Olympic contenders a special incentive to participate in the Senior Olympic games - we pay \$25.00 toward the \$30.00 General Registration fee for those Seniors who register before Aug. 26, 2019 - that means the Senior athlete will pay just \$5.00 to participate and compete in up to three Olympic events!!!

While a Senior athlete sponsorship program is a great way to ensure community representation in the statewide games, we recognize that current financial constraints may not allow you to sponsor your Senior athletes. However, you can certainly reach out to your Senior community to encourage participation in the upcoming games. Please ask your Health Department, Division on Aging, Recreation Department, or the appropriate municipal agency, to "spread-the-word" to your Senior community.

The 2019 New Jersey Senior Olympic games feature 23 sporting events and competitions where senior athletes 50 years of age and older – male and female – compete for the Gold, Silver and Bronze in various age categories: 50-54; 55-59; 60-64; 65-69; 70-74; 75-79; 80-84; 85-89; and 90+. The Olympic Games include competition in Archery, Basketball Foul Shooting/Accuracy, Basketball 3 on 3, Billiards, Bocce, Bowling, Cornhole, Cycling, Darts, Fencing, Golf, Horseshoes, Miniature Golf, Pickleball, Racquetball, Swimming, Table Tennis, Team Softball, Tennis, Track & Field and Volleyball. The New Jersey Senior Olympics is a member of the National Senior Games Association which sponsors alternate year national Senior Olympic games at venues across the country – nearly 300 New Jersey Senior athletes qualified to compete in the 2019 National Senior games that were held in June in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The next National Senior Games will be held in 2021 in Orlando, Fla. – so, let's encourage our Senior athletes to participate, and qualify for the next National games.

It is important to note that Woodbridge Township offers Senior athletes a true, world-class competition venue with facilities at the new Woodbridge High School stadium and athletic fields, JFK High School Tennis Center, Woodbridge Bowling Center, well-appointed municipal parks and recreation areas and excellent private venue facilities – all of which make Woodbridge Township the ideal location for the Senior games. The Woodbridge Community Center (WCC) and The Club at Woodbridge provide a combination of multi-purpose recreational and sporting facilities, including a full-size gymnasium, Olympic-size swimming pool, roller skating rink, NHL-size ice skating and hockey rink, indoor tennis and racquetball courts, walking track, meeting rooms and lounge.

So... let's get the word out. **WANTED: New Jersey Senior athletes to compete in the 2019 New Jersey Senior Olympic Games!!!** Visit: www.njseniorolympics.com to register for the 2019 NJSO games. Go to: www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us for information and to view the 2019 NJSO Invitational video. Call the New Jersey Senior Olympic Headquarters at: 973-618-1111 or contact Woodbridge Township Senior Olympic Chairpersons Pat Trombetta at 732-636-3910 or Frank St. Marie at 732- 636-9439 for more information.

On behalf of the New Jersey Senior Olympic Committee and New Jersey's Senior athletes, volunteers and sponsors, thanks for your support of the 2019 New Jersey Senior Olympic games. I hope to see you and your community's Senior athletes at the Opening Ceremonies on Sat., Sept. 7, 2019 at 10:00 AM at the Woodbridge Community Center.

Best Regards,

Mayor John E. McCormac
Woodbridge Township