



February 26, 2026  
Honorable RJ Crawford  
Crossville City Council  
City of Crossville  
392 North Main Street  
Crossville, TN 38555

**Re:** Bid Recommendation for  
2023 CDBG Crossville ADA Greenway  
Little Obed River Greenway, Phase 1  
Commission No: 2470126

Dear Mayor and Crossville City Council:

We have reviewed the apparent low bid submitted by Hamilton Consulting and Construction, LLC DBA J Paul Smith Construction for the above referenced project. The Base Bid is in amount of \$959,999.00.

Unit Prices for two items were received and are included in the bid are as follows:

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|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Trail Base Stone and Paving | \$ 81.00 per LF |
| 2. Over excavation and fill    | \$ 71.00 per CY |

The unit prices received have been reviewed and are acceptable.

License classifications listed for the General Contractor are current and the contractor has verified his numbers are correct.

I know this bid is over the grant budget amount, but I would like to point out that Hamilton Consulting and Construction, LLC DBA J Paul Smith Construction is over \$380,000 lower than the next low bidder. The next three bidders were around the \$1,500,000 amount.

CDBG grants are 80% funded by the grant and 20% funded by the local government. As you are aware, many grants are only 50% matching funds. With the overfunding of the grant by the City, the City's portion would be 45% and the grant portion 55%, still a larger percentage than many grants..

Therefore, unless your office has additional questions, we recommend award of the contract to Hamilton Consulting and Construction, LLC DBA J Paul Smith Construction for the lump sum fee of \$959,999.00 for the Base Bid of the work.

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If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Wold Architects and Engineers

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Gilliam".

Jim Gilliam | PE

Engineering Practice Leader

pc: Valerie Hale, City of Crossville  
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