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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mayor and Council  
**From:** Deanna Stockton, *Deputy Administrator*  
**Subject:** Professional Services Agreement with One Water Consulting, LLC for Services Related to a Stony Brook Watershed Improvement Plan  
**Date:** December 16, 2025

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Attached for adoption by Princeton Mayor and Council at its December 22, 2025 meeting is a resolution to commit to entering into an agreement with One Water Consulting for work related to a Watershed Improvement Plan for the Lower Millstone River watershed.

Since 2024, Princeton staff have been participating in meetings organized by the Watershed Institute, and spearheaded by Montgomery Township, for the municipalities within the Lower Millstone River watershed including Montgomery Township, Hopewell Township, Franklin Township, South Brunswick Township, Manville Borough, Hopewell Borough, and Rocky Hill Borough. These meetings have been focused on working collaboratively to create a plan for the Lower Millstone River watershed. With the new municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) regulations that were made effective by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection on January 1, 2023, the municipalities are subject to a new regulation to create a Watershed Improvement Plan for each of our HUC-14 watersheds. As watershed boundaries, including the Lower Millstone River, do not coincide with municipal or county boundaries, a collaborative approach is needed to holistically review and plan for stormwater quality improvements within a watershed.

Princeton Council authorized Princeton's participation in a similar collaboration, in March 2025, for the regional Stony Brook Watershed Improvement Plan. In that case, each municipality contracted directly with One Water Consulting rather than utilizing a lead agency and interlocal agreements. For the Lower Millstone River contract, Montgomery Township has assumed the lead agency role and will request interlocal agreements with those municipalities that will collaborate on the Lower Millstone River Watershed Improvement Plan. Montgomery Township is seeking formal commitment from the municipalities regarding their participation before the interlocal agreements are drafted. Thus, the attached resolution details Princeton's anticipated contribution toward the One Water Consulting's professional services agreement.

The total contract amount is \$254,300, with Princeton's share to be \$8,370.00 (3.29% of the total proposed budget), which is the proportional share calculated in consideration of the following eight participating municipalities:

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Percentage of Cost</b>	
	<b>Share</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Montgomery Township	35.27%	\$89,683
Franklin Township	30.56%	\$77,725
South Brunswick Township	19.12%	\$48,628
Manville Borough	5.49%	\$13,951
Princeton	3.29%	\$8,370
Hopewell Township	3.13%	\$7,972
Hopewell Borough	2.04%	\$5,182
Rocky Hill Borough	1.10%	\$2,790
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$254,300</b>

It is recommended that a not to exceed budget of \$15,000.00 be established for the professional services agreement in case one of the participating municipalities fails to approve the contract, thereby increasing the fee due by the remaining municipalities.

Watershed Improvement Plan documents are required to be submitted by January 1, 2027. We appreciate Princeton Council's support to promptly move ahead with a regional approach to this planning effort. Please contact me if you have any questions.