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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Council
From: Deanna Stockton, *Deputy Administrator*
Subject: Interlocal Agreement with the Township of Montgomery, as Lead Agency, for the Development of a Lower Millstone River Watershed Improvement Plan Utilizing One Water Consulting, LLC as the Consultant
Date: February 17, 2026

Attached for adoption by Princeton Mayor and Council at its February 23, 2026 meeting is a resolution to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the Township of Montgomery, acting as the Lead Agency, to develop 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 has requested interlocal agreements with those municipalities that will collaborate on the Lower Millstone River Watershed Improvement Plan. By Resolution 25-416, Princeton offered its formal commitment to participate before the attached interlocal agreement was available.

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:

Municipality	Percentage of Cost Share	Cost
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
TOTAL	100%	\$254,300

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