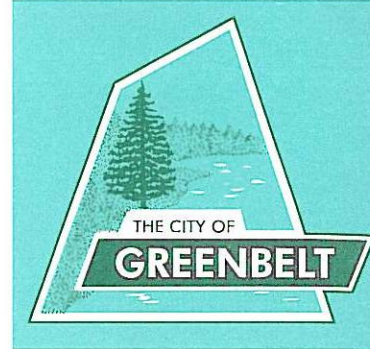


# CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND

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City of Laurel  
Municipal Engineer Selection Team  
8103 Sandy Spring Road  
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Celia G. Wilson, AICP  
Director

Gentlemen:

Since 1990, it has been the City of Greenbelt's good fortune to have worked with Lee Botts on two major capital projects. In the course of both jobs, we have been very satisfied with the quality of Mr. Botts' work and his attention to the city's needs and desires as a client.

Both of the projects required a great deal of public review before design plans could be finalized. For the Lakewood Stormdrain Improvement Project, Mr. Botts met with over twenty homeowners, individually, to discuss their concerns. Many of these meetings resulted in Mr. Botts making minor adjustments to the plans. While I expect this level of attention to citizen concern from any consultant working on a city project, Mr. Botts did this work without requesting a fee increase. When Mr. Botts submitted his fee proposal to us for this project, individual meetings with dozens of homeowners was not included in the scope of services. His efforts in this job clearly extended beyond his contractual obligation to the city.

Greenbelt selected Mr. Botts and his firm based on his extensive experience in the design of public street and stormdrain systems, and on the strength of his excellent references. His reputation is well deserved. Lee maintained a personal involvement in both jobs, and attended every public meeting we held to discuss the projects. It was comforting to know that when we employed Mr. Botts as our design engineer, we actually got to work with Mr. Botts.

I personally was very pleased with Mr. Botts work, and these sentiments are shared by the city council. I have no hesitation in highly recommending Lee Botts for selection by the City of Laurel as your consulting engineer.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer my thoughts on Mr. Botts and our experiences working with him. If you have any questions, please contact me at (301)345-5417.

Sincerely yours,

Celia G. Wilson  
Director