

### Clarence J. (Bill) Cole Jr., P.E.

Mr. Cole has over 33 years of civil engineering and management experience gained through his employment with the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan, the last twelve of which he served as the City Engineer. In 2006 he joined Land Matters, and brings considerable experience in administration, management, engineering and property acquisition. At Land Matters, Mr. Cole provides professional and managerial services for the acquisition of easements, rights-of-way, and grading permits for various public works projects and private developments, leveraging his technical expertise and management skills on behalf of clients. He is able to ensure that projects needs are identified and addressed, and builds strong client relationships.

**Education**      B. S. Civil Engineering - Michigan State University  
                         M.S. Civil Engineering - Michigan State University  
**Certification**   Professional Engineer, State of Michigan

#### Representative Projects ~ Land Matters LLC

- ▶ Wilson Avenue Bridge Over Buck Creek, City of Grandville, Kent County
- ▶ College Avenue Bridge Over Mid Michigan Railroad, City of Grand Rapids, Kent County
- ▶ Alpine Avenue Bridge Over Indian Mill Creek, City of Grand Rapids, Kent County
- ▶ East Side COS #8 Sidewalk Easements, City of Grand Rapids, Kent County
- ▶ Hall Street Bridge over Norfolk Southern Railroad and Steel Avenue, City of Grand Rapids, Kent County

The above projects included the acquisition of highway easements, additional right-of-way, sidewalk and utility easements and grading permits, including verification of titlework, legal description and plan review, estimates of compensation based on available City information, meetings and negotiations with property owners, preparation of legal documents, coordination of payment requests and recording and filing of deeds.

- ▶ Tallman Creek Sanitary Sewer Improvements, Cities of Grand Rapids and Walker, Kent County, Michigan
- ▶ Indian Mill Creek Sanitary Sewer Improvements, Cities of Grand Rapids and Walker, Kent County, Michigan

The above projects included the acquisition of sanitary sewer easements and grading permits, legal description and plan review, coordination with Consumers Energy Company for easement acquisition and access rights, and meetings and negotiations with property owners. (Approximately 90 parcels for both projects).

- ▶ Plascore Development, City of Zeeland, Ottawa County, Michigan. Acquisition of sanitary sewer and watermain easements and railroad spur easement, including verification of titlework, legal description and plan review, coordination with adjacent property owner, estimates of compensation based on available City information, and meetings and negotiations with property owners.
- ▶ South Westnedge Avenue Enhancement Project, City of Portage, Kalamazoo County, Michigan. Acquisition of additional right-of-way and sidewalk easements in a heavily traveled commercial corridor.

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- ▶ Northside Pathway, City of Zeeland, Ottawa County, Michigan. Preparation and acquisition of easements, review of legal descriptions, coordination with City Staff, Engineer and Surveyor, meetings and negotiations with property owners. This trail is bike and wheelchair accessible and extends for approximately 1.5 miles. Easements were required and obtained from eleven of the twenty properties affected.
- ▶ 68<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Randall Street Roundabout, City of Coopersville, Ottawa County, Michigan. Preparation and acquisition of easements, review of legal descriptions, coordination with County staff, Engineer and Surveyor, estimates of compensation based on available City information, negotiations with property owners for 3 commercial properties. This project provided for the construction of a roundabout at a major intersection to provide a gateway to the City of Coopersville.
- ▶ East Kilgore Road and Bacon Avenue Improvements Project, City of Portage, Kalamazoo County, Michigan. Preparation and acquisition of sidewalk and drainage easements and temporary grading permits, negotiations with property owners, review of legal descriptions, plan review, and coordination with City staff, Engineer, and Surveyor. Permanent easements were acquired for 4 parcels and temporary grading permits for 24 parcels. The project included street improvements and resurfacing, sidewalk and underground utilities.

### Relevant Experience ~ City of Grand Rapids

- ▶ Combined Sewer Overflow Control Program, West Side and East Side (Phase I). This project encompassed an area of approximately 8 square miles and included the separation of combined sewers, reconstruction of watermains and sanitary sewers, pump stations, outfall structures, street reconstruction, and right-of-way and easement acquisition. Coordination with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality as well as neighborhood and business associations was essential for the success of the project, which provided for an approximate 99% reduction in combined sewer overflows.
- ▶ Reconstruction of Major Streets. Projects included reconstruction of streets and public utilities, grant administration, right-of-way and easement acquisition, and coordination with business and neighborhood associations.
- ▶ Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements. Various capacity and process projects implemented as part of the ongoing improvements at the approximate 55 MGD Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- ▶ Water/Sewer Comprehensive Master Plan. The Master Plan, which provides for a 25 year planning period with 5 year interval updates, was developed in conjunction with the City's customer communities, and provides a framework and schedule for improvements and expansion of the Sewer Collection System and Water Distribution System, as well as the Wastewater Treatment Plant facilities. The Master Plan also included preliminary route selection and estimated costs for the various improvements.

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- ▶ Extension of Sanitary Trunk Sewers and Transmission Watermains. Projects included the extension of sanitary sewer and water system facilities to provide capacity requirements for the City and its customer communities. Route selection, acquisition of easements, and negotiations with customer communities and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality were included as part of these projects.
- ▶ Monroe Center Phase I and Phase II (Rosa Park Circle). These projects provided for the reconstruction of streets with concrete pavers in the City's central business district, and included reconstruction of public utilities and installation of a snow melt system. The construction of Rosa Park Circle, a design concept developed by Maya Lin (Artist) which includes an ice rink and public areas, was also included in the overall project. Coordination with business owners and the Artist was essential for the success of the project.