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Missy Stults
Sustainability and Innovations Director, City of Ann Arbor
301 E. Huron Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Dear Dr. Stults and the City of Ann Arbor Office of Sustainability and Innovations,

On behalf of the Ann Arbor Public Works Department, I am delighted to submit this letter of support for the Office of Sustainability and Innovation's application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant opportunity for support with implementing a district geothermal system in and around the adjacent Bryant neighborhood, inclusive of our Wheeler Center Public Works facility. We are also supportive of launching public engagement and outreach related to designing a second system in the neighborhood directly to the east of the Bryant neighborhood and finding ways to help scale up access to clean and renewable sources of energy for heating and cooling.

As you know, the City of Ann Arbor has an aggressive goal of equitably decarbonizing the entire community by the year 2030. And while we are seeing great success in deploying solar systems, energy storage systems, EV chargers, and adopting electric vehicles in our fleet, we are struggling with efficiently and effectively transitioning our heating and cooling operations to sustainable sources. That is why we are excited about this project – not only will it help us reduce the climate pollution associated with heating and cooling at our Wheeler Service Center, but it will help the surrounding neighborhoods.

This is the exact type of project we hope to see scale throughout the city and we are excited to be involved. To help support work, we are prepared to offer our facilities for public meetings and to support OSI with engaging residents about district geothermal and what it looks like in practice. Overall, Public Works is extremely supportive of this project and stands ready to collaborate however we can, and is an ally in our shared efforts to make Ann Arbor one of the most sustainable and equitable communities in America.

For these reasons and many more, the City's Public Works Department is delighted to support the City's application to the CPRG program. That said, should you have any questions about our support for this project or the role the Public Works Department is prepared to play to ensure successful project implementation, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul Matthews".

Paul Matthews
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