



March 22, 2024

Honorable Michael Regan, Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20004

Subject: Letter of Intent to Sign the CT COG Coalition MOA for the Climate-Friendly Land Use Regulation and Processes Project (NOFO EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Selection Committee,

This letter is to express The Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments (NVCOG)'s interest to serve as a coalition member for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Implementation Grant application lead by the Western Connecticut Council of Governments (WestCOG). NVCOG fully intends to sign the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to be submitted by WestCOG to the EPA by July 1, 2024.

NVCOG collaborated closely with WestCOG to develop the Climate-Friendly Land Use Regulation and Processes project concept and application. If funded, this will enable the COGs across Connecticut to hire consultants to develop model policies and standards and implement the newly crafted model language by working with individual municipalities.

Previous efforts at sustainable land use have fallen short by providing one-size-fits-all language without specificity to local conditions or support for local adoption and implementation. This project will close this strategy-execution gap by providing the resources to see regulatory and process reforms the entire way from concept to completion, and from idea to impact, on an intensive, individual basis for municipalities served by this coalition of COGs.

If awarded, NVCOG commits to being an active participant and helping WestCOG with any necessary implementation efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Dunne".

Rick Dunne
Executive Director