

March 28, 2024

County Executive Chris Ronayne
Cuyahoga County Administrative Headquarters
2079 E 9th St.
Cleveland, OH 44115

RE Letter of Commitment for Cuyahoga County CPRG Implementation Grant Submission

Dear Executive Ronayne,

I am writing on behalf of **CEP Renewables (CEP)** in support of Cuyahoga County, the City of Cleveland, and the City of Painesville's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant for the deployment of clean electricity and nature-based solutions, in alignment with the PCAP measures submitted by the Northeastern Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) for the Cleveland-Elyria Metropolitan Statistical Area.

The CPRG Implementation Grant submitted by Cuyahoga County, in coalition with the City of Cleveland and the City of Painesville, is an innovative and transformative project that will generate clean and renewable energy through brownfield development and municipal utility clean energy deployment, as well as other nature-based solutions that will dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve low-income energy burden, and improve outdoor air quality. The application fits neatly into our wheelhouse in terms of our mission and organizational goals.

CEP Renewables develops, engineers, and constructs utility-scale solar plants across North America. Our expertise allows us to take on particularly challenging projects such as brownfields and landfills, repurposing such land for beneficial, sustainable clean energy. We help landowners, farmers, and municipalities increase their property value while reducing carbon emissions and enhancing the quality of life for generations to come.

CEP over the past year has obtained site control to two of the landfill properties listed in the application. Those sites are Brooklyn phase 2 in the city of Brooklyn, Ohio; and the Harvard Rd. landfill located between three communities – Cleveland, Cuyahoga Heights and Garfield Heights.

We plan to support this project by working with Cuyahoga County and their partners to effectuate large scale solar projects at these sites. As the owner of these solar development rights, we understand that there will be Federal, State or local procurement policies which we will need to abide by and pledge to honor those policies in order to effectuate these projects, including of course, local labor, prevailing wage, diversity and equity goals.



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Our organization's support will help enable this coalition to achieve success because of our experience and expertise in building large solar systems on landfills and brownfields, but also because of our explicit site control of the properties.

We are committed to supporting the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions throughout our region through strong, sustainable partnerships and innovative solutions that are inclusive of the values of all Northeastern Ohioans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Cicero". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Gary" and "Cicero" being capitalized and prominent.

Gary R. Cicero
Managing Member
CEP Renewables, LLC