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County Executive Chris Ronayne
Cuyahoga County Administrative Headquarters
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RE Letter of Commitment for Cuyahoga County CPRG Implementation Grant Submission

Dear Executive Ronayne,

I am writing on behalf of Painesville Township 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.

Painesville Township supports this overall vision that includes reclamation of a 1,100-acre brownfield – the former Diamond Shamrock property, the northern portion of which is located in Painesville Township – as a publicly accessible lakefront nature preserve, as well as installation of a 277-acre solar site on a portion of the property located in the city of Painesville. The lakeshore trail currently under development by Lake Metroparks will provide critical park connectivity for Painesville Township residents, connecting Painesville Township Park to Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park and providing expanded access to recreational opportunities on the lakefront. Painesville Township will support ongoing efforts to fundraise for the full vision of the lakefront preserve project.

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,

Hollie Bartone
Administrator, Painesville Township