



March 19, 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 the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, 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.

As a science-based organization that invests significantly in regional conservation, we plan to support this project through our expertise in habitat preservation, restoration, and long-term stewardship of natural areas. Our staff can provide advisement on the conversion, restoration, and long-term management of the project's targeted natural areas. In addition, our staff can provide strategic advisement and oversight of temporal measures of biodiversity and ecosystem health prior to, during, and after project activities, which will be crucial in demonstrating positive environmental and ecological impacts. Our organization's support will help enable this coalition to achieve success because of our experience and expertise in conservation and ecological science.

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, appearing to read 'G. Svenson'.

Gavin Svenson, Ph.D.  
Chief Science Officer