



2626 Courtland Street
Duluth, MN 55806-1894
phone 218.722.3336
fax 218.727.7471
www.wlssd.com

Western Lake Superior Sanitary District

March 27, 2024

Environmental Protection Agency

77 West Jackson Boulevard

Chicago, IL 60604-3507

Re: Letter of Support for City of Duluth's application to the Carbon Pollution Reduction Grant

Dear Environmental Protection Agency,

This letter is written in support of the City of Duluth's proposal for **City of Duluth: J40 Wastewater Heat Recovery in a Very Cold Climate**. The proposal by the City of Duluth would help with energy affordability in our cold climate and provides resources to assist with energy efficiency work on commercial buildings.

Western Lake Superior Sanitary District (WLSSD) provides wastewater and solid waste services and oversight for a 530 square mile region around Duluth, Minnesota that includes the cities of Duluth, Cloquet, Hermantown, Proctor, Rice Lake, Carlton, Scanlon, Thomson and Wrenshall, and eight surrounding townships. Our partnership in this project will allow us to provide waste BTUs to the district energy system, help plan for the placement for heat and distribution pumps on our campus, and improve air quality and efficiency through odorous air system improvements.

Our role is to protect, promote, and improve the health and environmental quality the lower St Louis river and surrounding communities. This project would benefit the Duluth downtown and Lincoln Park neighborhoods with better air quality, along with stabilizing energy costs for buildings on the district energy system.

WLSSD seeks to be a partner in energy transition and we support the public health benefits of decarbonizing district energy. We recognize that project outcomes will help our community reduce emissions and improve air quality, which minimizes impacts on human and environmental health.

Sincerely,

Marianne Bohren
Executive Director