



Kent County Road Commission

March 27, 2024

John Weiss
Executive Director
Grand Valley Metro Council
678 Front Avenue, NW, Suite 200
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Subject: Kent County Road Commission Support of the GVMC CPRG Implementation Grant
General Competition Application (Award Number EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Mr. Weiss:

We, the Kent County Road Commission, affirm our support of the Grand Valley Metro Council (GVMC) in response to EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07. We are pleased to endorse the region's objective to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) through the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program. Under GVMC's proposed project, the Low Income and Disadvantaged Community Energy Efficiency Revolving Fund (LIERF) and the West Michigan Solar Consortium (WMSC), the entity responsible for the LIERF, will be established.

The creation of the WMSC and the LIERF will reduce GHG emissions in the region, can provide significant cost savings for the Road Commission, provide substantial community benefits in low-income and disadvantaged communities, and improve capacity and technical expertise through workforce development.

Through the CPRG grant program period, we anticipate collaborating with the GVMC to establish the WMSC, including exploring the feasibility of installing solar at Kent County Road Commission facilities.

Given GVMC's proven success in regional collaboration, we have confidence in their ability to achieve the objectives laid out in the application. Furthermore, this initiative will stimulate increased investment in renewable energy projects critical to achieving the West Michigan's Healthy Climate Plan objectives, while providing energy cost savings for the Road Commission.

Sincerely,

Jerry Byrne
Managing Director

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