



March 4, 2024

To Ms. Jennifer Messer, Executive Director, CIRDA:

I am writing on behalf of the Town of McCordsville, IN in support of the EDA grant application from the Central Indiana Redevelopment Authority ("CIRDA"). McCordsville is a rapidly growing suburban community of approximately 12,000 citizens located in Central Indiana and a Founding member of CIRDA.

On February 14, 2024, as the Town Manager of McCordsville, I voted to approve CIRDA's Priority Climate Action Plan for Central Indiana and the submission of *the Regional Building and Asset Modernization Program, Regional Open Space Revitalization and Connectivity Program* and *Indianapolis Area Renewable Energy And Waste Reduction Operation* for EPA funding. Both programs and the waste reduction project are important next steps as Central-Indiana works to reduce greenhouse gases and create a healthier environment.

McCordsville has proposed a project in the *Regional Building and Asset Modernization* category: we intend to upgrade the energy efficiency of the HVAC system of the McCordsville Town Hall, contributing 48 MT CO₂e by 2030, and 167 MT CO₂e by 2050. Last year, the Town Council President proclaimed May 2023 "Building Safety Month." Building safety includes both energy efficiency/conservation, resilience during natural disasters, and the preservation of property values. We intend to do this again in 2024. As a growing community we are adding new buildings and rehabbing existing facilities to meet the needs of our citizens. We will continue to find ways to reduce our carbon footprint starting with energy efficiency in our buildings.

McCordsville is committed to continuing to work through CIRDA to provide necessary administrative and staff support to advance project implementation and program execution. Working with CIRDA and its other member communities on CPRG grant implementation provides an opportunity for McCordsville to support regional collaboration in Central Indiana while contributing to meaningful programs and projects that will result in greater energy efficiency, revitalization of green infrastructure, and ultimately, reduced greenhouse gasses.

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Our Town Hall energy efficiency initiative and the similar proposed regional programs provide an opportunity to fund transformational projects while aligning our private, public, and nonprofit sectors on the environmental, economic, and public health challenges facing our region. McCordsville is excited to participate in this opportunity for our region and looks forward to the tremendous impact these EPA supported programs will make in Central Indiana.

Sincerely,



Tim Gropp
Town Manager
McCordsville, IN