



# Lehigh Valley Green Transportation Infrastructure Project

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Letters of Support



United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Honorable Michael S. Regan  
Administrator  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Regan,

I write in support of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT)'s application to EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program (CPRG) Implementation Grants Competition. The Lehigh Valley Green Transportation Infrastructure project would reimagine major transportation corridors to achieve one of the key goals identified in the Lehigh Valley Priority Climate Action Plan for Transportation Decarbonization.

The LVPC is an exemplary applicant for this opportunity, based on its history of project completion and the area's immense need. Air quality in the Lehigh Valley is generally poor due to persistent soot pollution from industrial activities and highways. The American Lung Association's 2023 "State of the Air" report ranked the Lehigh Valley in the top 100 metros for smog, contributing to Allentown's status as the "asthma capital" of the United States. Given the immense need for air pollution reduction and a continued desire for sustainability from citizens, LVPC and PennDOT have proposed several improvements to the transportation corridors of the Lehigh Valley area.

The proposed project would retrofit major transportation corridors in the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton PA/NJ Metropolitan Statistical Area, including US Route 22 and State Routes 33 and 378, with native landscaping, nature-based stormwater management, and other carbon reduction features. The project would also upgrade an existing and underutilized park and ride facility to a green multimodal transportation center that seamlessly connects transit, walking, biking, driving and freight.

By implementing these techniques, the LVPC and PennDOT aim to create an efficient transportation network that actively reduces greenhouse gases, thereby reducing the carbon footprint of the transportation network. The Lehigh Valley Green Transportation Infrastructure project will develop nature-based standards for highway corridors throughout the region. Integrating carbon sequestration into transportation infrastructure signifies a revolutionary step in environmental management. This approach not only addresses carbon emissions but also

contributes to biodiversity and pollination, improves air quality, reduces water run-off, decreases energy consumption, increases transportation safety, and improves quality of life along the busiest transportation corridors.

I'm confident that the LVPC and PennDOT have the technical expertise and stakeholder support to successfully complete the proposed activities. I urge you to give the application full and fair consideration. Feel free to contact my office (202) 224-4254 if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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John Fetterman  
United States Senator



**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

March 28, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan  
Administrator  
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1200 Pennsylvania, N.W.  
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Dear Administrator Regan:

I write in regard to the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) Implementation Grant request of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to advance its green infrastructure transportation project. According to LVPC and PennDOT, this project is designed to achieve key goals identified in the recently completed *Lehigh Valley Priority Climate Action Plan for Transportation Decarbonization*, a prerequisite for this competitive grant program. As the Representative of Pennsylvania's 7th Congressional District, where this project would largely be based, I believe this grant would directly benefit my constituents and our entire community.

The LVPC and PennDOT state that this project will retrofit major transportation corridors of the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton PA/NJ Metropolitan Statistical Area, including US Route 22, and State Routes 33, and 378 with native landscaping, nature-based stormwater management, and other carbon reduction features. In addition, the project is intended to revise an existing and underutilized park and ride facility into a green multimodal transportation center that seamlessly connects transit, walking, biking, driving and even freight. Lastly, the LVPC and PennDOT state that the Lehigh Valley Green Transportation Infrastructure project will develop nature-based standards for highway corridors throughout the region, a critical component of a broader effort to achieve transportation decarbonization in the region.

By implementing these techniques, the LVPC and PennDOT aim to create an efficient transportation network that actively reduces greenhouse gases, thereby reducing the carbon footprint of the transportation network. The applicants state that integrating carbon sequestration into transportation infrastructure not only addresses carbon emissions but also contributes to biodiversity, pollination, improves air quality, reduces water run-off, decreases energy consumption, increases transportation safety, and options, and improves the quality of life along the busiest transportation corridors. Green spaces, urban forests, and other carbon-absorbing landscapes play a crucial role in creating a more sustainable and livable environment.



Notably, the LVPC and PennDOT state that this project supports the health, equity, and environmental justice goals of multiple Justice40 communities. The project is intended to incorporate sustainable design principles, installing green infrastructure within road rights-of-way, interchanges and a park and ride facility, while improving air quality and reducing stormwater runoff. The LVPC and PennDOT share a goal of modeling a successful partnership initiative for future transportation projects. By successfully integrating carbon sequestration into its transportation infrastructure, these groups believe that the Lehigh Valley will set a precedent for other regions to follow in addressing global environmental challenges through innovative and sustainable infrastructure development.

I urge you to provide the CPRG Implementation Grant request of the LVPC and PennDOT full and fair consideration, consistent with applicable agency guidelines.

Sincerely,

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## Senate of Pennsylvania

April 1, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan  
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Dear Administrator Regan:

I am writing in support of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) Implementation Grant request of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to advance its ambitious green infrastructure transportation project. The project is designed to achieve one of the key goals identified in the recently completed *Lehigh Valley Priority Climate Action Plan for Transportation Decarbonization*, a prerequisite for this competitive grant program.

The Lehigh Valley Green Transportation Infrastructure project aims to transform major transportation corridors in the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton PA/NJ Metropolitan Statistical Area, including US Route 22 and State Routes 33 and 378, by incorporating native landscaping, nature-based stormwater management, and carbon reduction features. Additionally, an existing park and ride facility will be repurposed into a green multimodal transportation center, facilitating seamless connections between transit, walking, biking, and driving. This initiative, driven by LVPC and PennDOT, seeks to achieve transportation decarbonization in areas with high traffic and congestion, thus improving air quality and overall environmental health. By integrating carbon sequestration into transportation infrastructure, the project aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while promoting biodiversity, improving air and water quality, enhancing transportation safety, and bolstering community well-being. Moreover, it aligns with the health, equity, and environmental justice goals of Justice40 communities, incorporating sustainable design principles and green infrastructure to create a network of green transportation corridors. With collaborative efforts from state, county, and local partners, this project sets a precedent for sustainable infrastructure development, showcasing the Lehigh Valley as a model for addressing global environmental challenges.

I give this project my full support and please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff at 610-821-8468 or [miller@pasenate.com](mailto:miller@pasenate.com) with any questions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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State Senator Nick Miller  
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Re: United States Environmental Protection Agency – Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG): Implementation Grants General Competition program – Lehigh Valley Green Transportation Infrastructure Project.

Dear Administrator Regan:

As State Senator representing the 18<sup>th</sup> District (Northampton & Lehigh Counties) of Pennsylvania, please accept this correspondence to offer my support of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) Implementation Grant request of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to advance its ambitious green infrastructure transportation project. The project is designed to achieve one of the key goals identified in the recently completed Lehigh Valley Priority Climate Action Plan for Transportation Decarbonization, a prerequisite for this competitive grant program.

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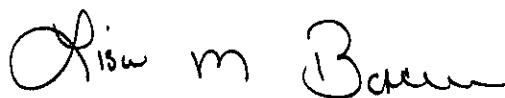
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With state, county and local partners integral to implementation, this funding provides an opportunity to create a network of green transportation corridors that will also identify the region as truly green, a key component of the Lehigh Valley's identity and a value that ranks highest in every bi-county planning public opinion poll in the last 20 years.

The LVPC's and PennDOT's partnership initiative is not just a local solution but a model for future transportation projects. By successfully integrating carbon sequestration into its transportation infrastructure, the Lehigh Valley will set a precedent for other regions to follow. This project demonstrates how regional planning, state agencies, and all levels of government with the support of non-profit and business partners can support each other to play a key role in addressing global environmental challenges through innovative and sustainable infrastructure development.

Once again as State Senator representing Northampton and Lehigh Counties, I enthusiastically offer my support for this project as I believe it will provide multiple environmental, health and economic benefits to the immediate communities adjacent to the region's major transportation routes and more broadly to the entire MSA residents, businesses, and visitors.

Sincerely,

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**Lisa M. Boscola**  
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March 26, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan  
Administrator  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460

Re: United States Environmental Protection Agency – Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG):  
Implementation Grants General Competition program – Lehigh Valley Green Transportation Infrastructure  
Project.

Dear Administrator Regan:

This letter is to attest my support of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) Implementation Grant request of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to advance its ambitious green infrastructure transportation project. The project is designed to achieve one of the key goals identified in the recently completed *Lehigh Valley Priority Climate Action Plan for Transportation Decarbonization*, a prerequisite for this competitive grant program.

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As a State Representative who has worked closely with LVPC over my career, I have full faith and confidence in their ability to implement greener transportation corridors throughout the Lehigh Valley which have become more congested and affected by pollution in recent decades. Our communities have struggled to tackle issues caused by this increased traffic and the problems that excessive pollution causes like childhood asthma. This project would go a long way to ensuring that our children have the clean air they are constitutionally guaranteed.

I enthusiastically offers my support for this project as I believe it will provide multiple environmental, health and economic benefits to the immediate communities adjacent to the region's major transportation routes and more broadly to the entire MSA residents, businesses, and visitors.

Sincerely,



Joshua Siegel  
State Representative  
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March 30, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan  
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Re: United States Environmental Protection Agency – Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG): Implementation Grants General Competition program – Lehigh Valley Green Transportation Infrastructure Project.

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Sincerely,

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MILOU MACKENZIE  
State Representative, 131st Legislative District

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Re: United States Environmental Protection Agency – Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG): Implementation Grants General Competition program – Lehigh Valley Green Transportation Infrastructure Project.

Dear Administrator Regan:

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I firmly believe this project will provide multiple environmental, health and economic benefits to the immediate communities adjacent to the region's major transportation routes and more broadly to the entire MSA residents, businesses, and visitors. If I can be of assistance in lending my support to these efforts, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



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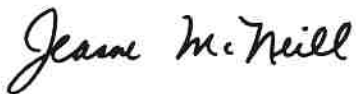
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I fully support this project as it will provide multiple environmental, health and economic benefits to the immediate communities adjacent to the region's major transportation routes and more broadly to the entire MSA residents, businesses, and visitors.

Sincerely,

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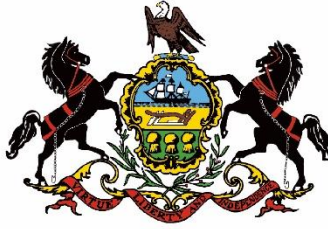
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March 28, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan  
Administrator  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460

Re: United States Environmental Protection Agency – Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG): Implementation Grants General Competition program – Lehigh Valley Green Transportation Infrastructure Project.

Dear Administrator Regan:

Please accept this correspondence as my support of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) Implementation Grant request submitted by the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to advance its ambitious green infrastructure transportation project. The project is designed to achieve one of the key goals identified in the recently completed *Lehigh Valley Priority Climate Action Plan for Transportation Decarbonization*, a prerequisite for this competitive grant program.

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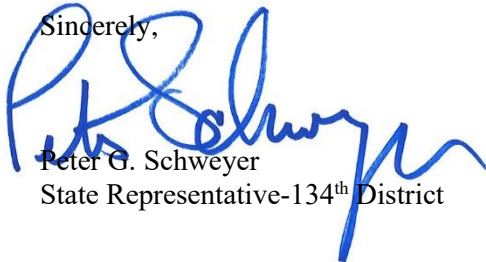
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The LVPC's and PennDOT's partnership initiative is not just a local solution but a model for future transportation projects. By successfully integrating carbon sequestration into its transportation infrastructure, the Lehigh Valley will set a precedent for other regions to follow. This project demonstrates how regional planning, state agencies, and all levels of government with the support of non-profit and business partners can support each other to play a key role in addressing global environmental challenges through innovative and sustainable infrastructure development.

If you wish to discuss my support further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter G. Schwyer", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Peter G. Schwyer  
State Representative-134<sup>th</sup> District

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March 28, 2024

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RE: United States Environmental Protection Agency – Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG): Implementation Grant General Competition program – Lehigh Valley Green Transportation Infrastructure Project (LVGTIP).

Dear Administrator Regan:

As the Representative for District 135 in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I am writing to convey my enthusiastic support of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) Implementation Grant request of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to advance its ambitious green infrastructure transportation project. The project is designed to achieve one of the key goals identified in the recently completed *Lehigh Valley Priority Climate Action Plan for Transportation Decarbonization*, a prerequisite for this competitive grant program.

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Notably, this project supports the health, equity, and environmental justice goals of multiple Justice40 communities. The project will incorporate sustainable design principles, installing green infrastructure within road rights-of-way, interchanges and a park and ride facility. It will include features that improve air quality, reduce stormwater runoff volume and velocity, provide pollinator habitats, mitigate heat island effects, improve health outcomes, reduce natural and artificial hazards, and provide aesthetic benefits supporting well-being and healthy communities.

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I wholeheartedly support this application, as I know it is consistent with other admirable work endorsed by the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission and PennDOT. I have a long relationship with both entities, having served my district in the Pennsylvania House since 1999. With that in mind, I respectfully urge the EPA's favorable consideration of this grant request.

Sincerely,



Steve Samuelson

State Representative, 135<sup>th</sup> District



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March 27, 2024

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Re: United States Environmental Protection Agency – Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG): Implementation Grants General Competition Program – Lehigh Valley Green Transportation Infrastructure Project.

Dear Administrator Regan:

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Furthermore, this project also supports the health, equity, and environmental justice goals of multiple Justice40 communities. The project will incorporate sustainable design principles, installing green infrastructure within road rights-of-way, interchanges and a park and ride facility. It will include features that improve air quality, reduce stormwater runoff volume and velocity, provide pollinator habitats, mitigate heat island effects, improve health outcomes, reduce natural and person-made hazards, and provide aesthetic benefits supporting well-being and healthy communities.

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The Lehigh Valley, where my district resides, is one of the fastest growing regions in Pennsylvania and the United States. This growth and the prosperity that comes with it is welcomed, but we must also take steps to ensure that the region develops in a manner that mitigates damage to the environment. With increased migration to the Lehigh Valley, there will be increased traffic on our roads. This project by LVPC and PennDOT will help mitigate the negative environmental impacts from this traffic and help the valley's growth deliver both economic prosperity and a clean and healthy environment for its residents to enjoy.

I enthusiastically offer my support for this project as I am certain it will provide multiple environmental, health and economic benefits to the immediate communities adjacent to the region's major transportation routes and more broadly to the entire MSA residents, businesses, and visitors. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything further that I may be able to do on behalf of LVPC to enhance the opportunity for a positive response.

Sincerely,



Robert L. Freeman  
State Representative  
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**JOE EMRICK, MEMBER  
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March 25, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan, Administrator  
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RE: Unites States Environmental Protection Agency – Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG):  
Implementation Grants General Competition program – Lehigh Valley Green Transportation Infrastructure Project

Dear Administrator Regan,

I am writing this letter in support of the CPRG Implementation Grant request of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to advance its ambitious green infrastructure transportation project. The project is designed to achieve one of the key goals identified in the recently completed *Lehigh Valley Priority Climate Action Plan for Transportation Decarbonization*, a prerequisite for this competitive grant program.

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I fully support LVPC and PennDOT's effort to apply for and hopefully obtain the funding they are seeking. Should you need additional information, or if I can be of assistance in any way, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Joe Emrick, Member  
Pennsylvania House of Representatives  
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**Re: *United States Environmental Protection Agency – Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG): Implementation Grants General Competition program – Lehigh Valley Green Transportation Infrastructure Project.***

Dear Administrator Regan:

I wholeheartedly endorse and support the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) Implementation Grant request of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to advance its ambitious green infrastructure transportation project. The project is designed to achieve one of the key goals identified in the recently completed *Lehigh Valley Priority Climate Action Plan for Transportation Decarbonization*, a prerequisite for this competitive grant program.

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I fully offer my support for this project, and I am interested in seeing it fulfilled as I believe it will provide multiple environmental, health and economic benefits to the immediate communities adjacent to the region's major transportation routes and more broadly to the entire MSA residents, businesses, and visitors.

Sincerely,

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ANN FLOOD  
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March 26, 2024

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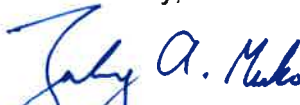
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I enthusiastically offer my support for this project as I believe it will provide multiple environmental, health and economic benefits to the immediate communities adjacent to the region's major transportation routes and more broadly to the entire MSA residents, businesses, and visitors.

Sincerely,



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State Representative  
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**RYAN E. MACKENZIE**  
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Dear Administrator Regan,

Please accept this correspondence as an indication of my support for the application filed by the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) for Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) funding of \$120 million to advance their Green Infrastructure Transportation Project.

This project will rework and retrofit major transportation corridors of the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton PA/NJ Metropolitan Statistical Area, including US Route 22, and State Routes 33, and 378 with native landscaping, nature-based stormwater management, and other carbon reduction features. Additionally, the project will transform an existing and underutilized park and ride facility into a green multimodal transportation center that seamlessly connects transit, walking, biking, driving and freight. Lastly, the Lehigh Valley Green Transportation Infrastructure project will develop nature-based standards for highway corridors throughout the region. This initiative is an important component of a broader effort to achieve transportation decarbonization in the region, and is specifically centered in areas with the highest traffic, congestion, and lowest air-quality.

I support the LVPC and PennDOT's application to the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program for their Green Infrastructure Transportation Project. Funding for this important project will demonstrate how regional planning, state agencies, and all levels of government with the support of non-profit and business partners can support each other to play a key role in addressing global environmental challenges through innovative and sustainable infrastructure development.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

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RYAN E. MACKENZIE

State Representative, 187<sup>th</sup> District



COUNTY OF LEHIGH  
Office of the County Executive

Phillips M. Armstrong  
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Phillips M. Armstrong  
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This letter is to attest the County of Northampton's support of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) Implementation Grant request of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to advance its ambitious green infrastructure transportation project. The project is designed to achieve one of the key goals identified in the recently completed *Lehigh Valley Priority Climate Action Plan for Transportation Decarbonization*, a prerequisite for this competitive grant program.

This project will reimagine and retrofit major transportation corridors of the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton PA/NJ Metropolitan Statistical Area, including US Route 22, and State Routes 33, and 378 with native landscaping, nature-based stormwater management and other carbon reduction features. In addition, the project will revision an existing and underutilized park and ride facility into a green multimodal transportation center that seamlessly connects transit, walking, biking, driving and even freight. Lastly, the Lehigh Valley Green Transportation Infrastructure project will develop nature-based standards for highway corridors throughout the region. This initiative is a critical component of a broader effort to achieve transportation decarbonization in the region, and specifically centered in areas with the highest traffic, congestion, and ultimately lowest air-quality.

By implementing these techniques, the LVPC and PennDOT aim to create an efficient transportation network that actively reduces greenhouse gases, thereby reducing the carbon footprint of the transportation network. Integrating carbon sequestration into transportation infrastructure signifies a revolutionary step in environmental management. This approach not only addresses carbon emissions but also contributes to biodiversity, pollination, improves air quality, reduces water run-off, decreases energy consumption, increases transportation safety, and options, and improves the quality of life along the busiest transportation corridors. Green spaces, urban forests, and other carbon-absorbing landscapes play a crucial role in creating a more sustainable and livable environment. They serve as natural carbon sinks, thus reinforcing the efforts to decarbonize transportation.



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The LVPC's and PennDOT's partnership initiative is not just a local solution but a model for future transportation projects. By successfully integrating carbon sequestration into its transportation infrastructure, the Lehigh Valley will set a precedent for other regions to follow. This project demonstrates how regional planning, state agencies, and all levels of government with the support of non-profit and business partners can support each other to play a key role in addressing global environmental challenges through innovative and sustainable infrastructure development.

The County of Northampton enthusiastically offers our support for this project as we believe it will provide multiple environmental, health and economic benefits to the immediate communities adjacent to the region's major transportation routes and more broadly to the entire MSA residents, businesses, and visitors.

Sincerely,



Lamont G. McClure  
County Executive



**COUNTY OF LEHIGH**  
**Office of the Commissioners**

**Geoff Brace**  
**Commissioner**

March 28, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan, Administrator  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
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Re: United States Environmental Protection Agency – Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG):  
Implementation Grants General Competition program – Lehigh Valley Green Transportation Infrastructure  
Project.

Dear Administrator Regan

Please accept this letter as a sign of support of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) Implementation Grant request of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to advance its ambitious green infrastructure transportation project. The project is designed to achieve one of the key goals identified in the recently completed Lehigh Valley Priority Climate Action Plan for Transportation Decarbonization, a prerequisite for this competitive grant program.

I am providing this letter in collaboration with **Commissioner Ron Beitler**, Chair of our Committee on Development and Planning, and **Commissioner Antonio Pineda**, Chair of our Committee on General Services. Recently, LVCP staff shared the vision for this proposal with the Board of Commissioners at a public meeting. Feedback from the Board was very positive, and we are genuinely excited. We recognize some of the work to be conducted may not happen in Lehigh County, but the benefits will certainly be felt by residents of Lehigh County.

This project will reimagine and retrofit major transportation corridors of the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton PA/NJ Metropolitan Statistical Area, including US Route 22, and State Routes 33, and 378 with native landscaping, nature-based stormwater management and other carbon reduction features. In addition, the project will utilize an existing and underutilized park and ride facility into a green multimodal transportation center that seamlessly connects transit, walking, biking, driving and even freight. Lastly, the Lehigh Valley Green Transportation Infrastructure project will develop nature-based standards for highway corridors throughout the region. This initiative is a critical component of a broader effort to achieve transportation decarbonization in the region, and specifically centered in areas with the highest traffic, congestion, and ultimately lowest air-quality.

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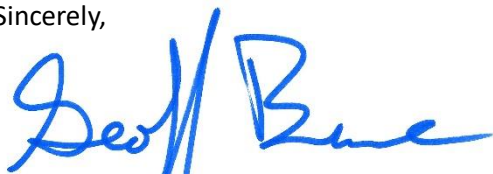
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I firmly believe this project will provide multiple environmental, health and economic benefits to the immediate communities adjacent to the region's major transportation routes and more broadly to the entire MSA residents, businesses, and visitors. If I can be of assistance in lending my support to these efforts, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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**Geoff Brace, Chair**  
Lehigh County Board of Commissioners



COUNTY OF LEHIGH  
Department of General Services

Richard D. Molchany  
Director of General Services

March 26, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan  
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United States Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
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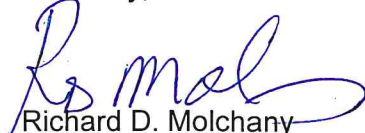
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The LVPC's and PennDOT's partnership initiative is not just a local solution but a model for future transportation projects. By successfully integrating carbon sequestration into its transportation infrastructure, the Lehigh Valley will set a precedent for other regions to follow. This project demonstrates how regional planning, state agencies, and all levels of government with the support of non-profit and business partners can support each other to play a key role in addressing global environmental challenges through innovative and sustainable infrastructure development.

The County of Lehigh enthusiastically offers our support for this project as we believe it will provide multiple environmental, health and economic benefits to the immediate communities adjacent to the region's major transportation routes and more broadly to the entire MSA residents, businesses, and visitors.

Sincerely,



Richard D. Molchany  
Director of General Services





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J. William Reynolds  
Mayor, City of Bethlehem

April 1, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan  
Administrator  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460

Re: United States Environmental Protection Agency – Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG): Implementation Grants General Competition program – Lehigh Valley Green Transportation Infrastructure Project.

Dear Administrator Regan:

This letter is to attest that the City of Bethlehem supports of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) Implementation Grant request of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to advance its ambitious green infrastructure transportation project. The project is designed to achieve one of the key goals identified in the recently completed *Lehigh Valley Priority Climate Action Plan for Transportation Decarbonization*, a prerequisite for this competitive grant program.

This project will reimagine and retrofit several major transportation corridors of the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton PA/NJ Metropolitan Statistical Area, including US Route 22 and 378, which run through our city, with native landscaping, nature-based stormwater management and other carbon reduction features. The project also upgrades an existing and underutilized park and ride facility into a green multimodal transportation center that seamlessly connects transit, walking, biking, driving and even freight. Lastly, the project develops model standards for nature-based highway corridors throughout the region. This initiative is a critical component of a broader effort to achieve transportation decarbonization in the region, and specifically centered in areas with the highest traffic, congestion, and ultimately lowest air-quality.

Implementation of these techniques creates an efficient transportation network that actively reduces greenhouse gases, thereby reducing the carbon footprint of the transportation network. This project not only addresses carbon emissions but also contributes to biodiversity, pollination, improved air quality, reduced water run-off, decreased energy consumption, transportation safety along the region's busiest transportation corridors. Green spaces, urban forests, and other carbon-absorbing landscapes play a crucial role in creating a more sustainable and livable environment.

It is an important note that this project significantly supports the health, equity, and environmental justice goals of multiple Justice40 communities. The project includes features that improve air quality, mitigate heat island effects, improve health outcomes, reduce natural and person-made hazards, and provide aesthetic benefits supporting well-being and healthy communities.

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At a regional level this project addresses many of the goals and priorities of Bethlehem's own Climate Action Plan. Bethlehem's CAP prioritizes initiatives such as:

- prioritize green space in underserved areas,
- promote tree planting,
- lead by example to provide a testing ground for strategies that can work for the rest of the community,
- preserve and expand our urban tree canopy,
- expand and create new greenways,
- prioritize native species and climate-resistant species,
- establish and effectively manage native habitat corridors and areas, and
- improve stormwater management through green infrastructure.

This initiative is not just a regional solution but a model for future transportation projects. By successfully integrating carbon sequestration into its transportation infrastructure, the Lehigh Valley will set a precedent for other regions to follow. This project demonstrates how support of regional planning initiatives provides a key role in addressing global environmental challenges through innovative and sustainable infrastructure development.

The City of Bethlehem enthusiastically offers our support for this project because it provides multiple environmental, health and economic benefits to the immediate communities adjacent to the region's major transportation routes and more broadly to the entire MSA residents, businesses, and visitors. This project is another example of LVPC's ability to lead the Lehigh Valley region with innovation and vision.

Sincerely,

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J. William Reynolds  
Mayor



# CITY OF EASTON PENNSYLVANIA

**Office of the Mayor  
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March 28, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan  
Administrator  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460

Re: ***United States Environmental Protection Agency – Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG): Implementation Grants General Competition program – Lehigh Valley Green Transportation Infrastructure Project.***

Dear Administrator Regan:

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I was a past chair of the U.S. Conference of Mayors Environmental Committee and have signed the City on to the Global Covenant of Mayors for reduction in Greenhouse Gas emissions. The City is also a leader in Climate Action Planning and over the past several years has taken significant steps toward a sustainable future.

The City of Easton enthusiastically offers our support for this project as we believe it will provide multiple environmental, health and economic benefits to the immediate communities adjacent to the region's major transportation routes and more broadly to the entire MSA residents, businesses, and visitors.

Sincerely,



Salvatore J. Panto, Mayor





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March 28, 2024

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1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
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Re: United States Environmental Protection Agency – Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG):  
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Dear Administrator Regan:

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The Bethlehem Township Board of Commissioners enthusiastically offers its support for this project as they believe it will provide multiple environmental, health and economic benefits to the immediate communities adjacent to the region's major transportation routes and more broadly to the entire MSA residents, businesses, and visitors.

Sincerely,

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Doug Bruce, Manager  
Bethlehem Township



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March 26, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan  
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Re: United States Environmental Protection Agency – Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG):  
Implementation Grants General Competition program – Lehigh Valley Green Transportation Infrastructure Project.

Dear Administrator Regan:

This letter is to attest Hanover Township's support of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) Implementation Grant request of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to advance its ambitious green infrastructure transportation project. The project is designed to achieve one of the key goals identified in the recently completed Lehigh Valley Priority Climate Action Plan for Transportation Decarbonization, a prerequisite for this competitive grant program.

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Susan A. Lawless  
Chair – Board of Supervisors  
Hanover Township Northampton County



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March 27, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan, Administrator  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460

Re: United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG):  
Implementation Grants General Competition Program  
Lehigh Valley Green Transportation Infrastructure Project.

Dear Administrator Regan:

This letter is to attest Lower Nazareth Township's support of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) Implementation Grant request of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to advance its ambitious green infrastructure transportation project. The project is designed to achieve one of the key goals identified in the recently completed *Lehigh Valley Priority Climate Action Plan for Transportation Decarbonization*, a prerequisite for this competitive grant program.

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Lower Nazareth Township is a small municipality with 6,922 residents located within Northampton County, Pennsylvania. We have 14.34 miles of State roads in our community, including a stretch of State Route 33 that will benefit from this proposed project.

For the reasons set forth and a multitude of others, Lower Nazareth Township enthusiastically offers our support for this project and urges the United States Environmental Protection Agency to fund the grant application in full, as we believe it will provide multiple environmental, health and economic benefits to the immediate communities adjacent to the region's major transportation routes and more broadly to the entire MSA residents, businesses, and visitors.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
Lori A. Stauffer  
Township Manager





# PALMER TOWNSHIP

## NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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March 26, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan  
Administrator  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460

Re: United States Environmental Protection Agency – Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG): Implementation Grants General Competition program – Lehigh Valley Green Transportation Infrastructure Project.

Dear Administrator Regan:

This letter is to attest Palmer Township's support of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) Implementation Grant request of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to advance its ambitious green infrastructure transportation project. The project is designed to achieve one of the key goals identified in the recently completed Lehigh Valley Priority Climate Action Plan for Transportation Decarbonization, a prerequisite for this competitive grant program.

This project will reimagine and retrofit major transportation corridors of the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton PA/NJ Metropolitan Statistical Area, including US Route 22, and State Routes 33, and 378 with native landscaping, nature-based stormwater management and other carbon reduction features. In addition, the project will revision an existing and underutilized park and ride facility into a green multimodal transportation center that seamlessly connects transit, walking, biking, driving and even freight. Lastly, the Lehigh Valley Green Transportation Infrastructure project will develop nature-based standards for highway corridors throughout the region. This initiative is a critical component of a broader effort to achieve transportation decarbonization in the region, and specifically centered in areas with the highest traffic, congestion, and ultimately lowest air-quality.

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Palmer Township, one of the largest townships within the US Route 22 corridor, actively supports efforts to promote sustainable transportation projects. With 22,317 residents as of the last U.S. Census, the township aims to combat climate change and support carbon reduction techniques. Within our own community, we are developing a local climate action plan, an active transportation plan, and a greenway study to further our efforts, which will additionally support efforts such as this.

Palmer Township enthusiastically offers our support for this project as we believe it will provide multiple environmental, health and economic benefits to the immediate communities adjacent to the region's major transportation routes and more broadly to the entire MSA residents, businesses, and visitors.

Sincerely,



Brenda DeGerolamo  
Assistant Township Manager  
Palmer Township





## BOROUGH OF TATAMY

### NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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Thursday, 28 March 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan  
Administrator  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460

Re: United States Environmental Protection Agency – Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG): Implementation Grants General Competition program – Lehigh Valley Green Transportation Infrastructure Project.

Dear Administrator Regan:

This letter is to attest; the Borough of Tatamy's support of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) Implementation Grant request of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to advance its ambitious green infrastructure transportation project. The project is designed to achieve one of the key goals identified in the recently completed *Lehigh Valley Priority Climate Action Plan for Transportation Decarbonization*, a prerequisite for this competitive grant program.

This project will reimagine and retrofit major transportation corridors of the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton PA/NJ Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), including US Route 22, and State Routes 33, and 378 with native landscaping, nature-based stormwater management and other carbon reduction features. In addition, the project will revision an existing and underutilized park and ride facility into a green multimodal transportation center that seamlessly connects transit, walking, biking, driving and even freight. Lastly, the Lehigh Valley Green Transportation Infrastructure project will develop nature-based standards for highway corridors throughout the region. This initiative is a critical component of a broader effort to achieve transportation decarbonization in the region, and specifically centered in areas with the highest traffic, congestion, and ultimately lowest air-quality.

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Tatamy is one of the smallest Boroughs in Northampton County, yet it is an exciting place to live and raise a family. The Borough Council is dedicated to increasing the quality of life within the Borough. A milestone that the Borough is currently working on is completing the Two Rivers Trail through Tatamy and into a neighboring municipality. As Industrial development continues to be implemented throughout the Lehigh Valley and our Borough, the importance of offsetting the carbon footprint and temperature increase due to concrete and asphalt roads has never been more of a priority.

Environment; most directly, greenways protect are important habitats and provide corridors for people and wildlife. However, greenways can also assist in providing natural buffer zones from pollution run-off and become important tools for improving water quality. They can also improve air quality by protecting the plants that naturally create oxygen and filter out air pollutants. Greenways function as a "buffer" between our natural environment and our human-made infrastructure projects. The value of open space to the public is enhanced by providing access. Greenways function as hands-on environmental classrooms for people of all ages. The recreation, health, transportation, and environmental benefits collectively can contribute to an overall enhanced quality of life in communities.

The Borough of Tatamy enthusiastically offers our support for this project as we believe it will provide multiple environmental, health and economic benefits to the immediate communities adjacent to the region's major transportation routes and more broadly to the entire MSA residents, businesses, and visitors.

Sincerely,

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Tatamy Borough





**UPPER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP  
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March 28, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan  
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United States Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
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Re: United States Environmental Protection Agency – Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG): Implementation Grants General Competition program – Lehigh Valley Green Transportation Infrastructure Project.

Dear Administrator Regan:

This letter is to attest Upper Nazareth Township support of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) Implementation Grant request of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to advance its ambitious green infrastructure transportation project. The project is designed to achieve one of the key goals identified in the recently completed *Lehigh Valley Priority Climate Action Plan for Transportation Decarbonization*, a prerequisite for this competitive grant program.

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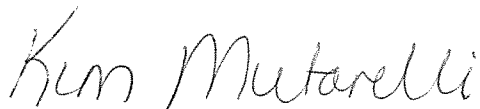
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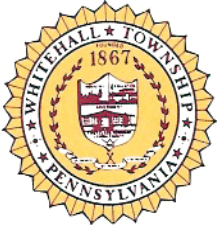
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Upper Nazareth Township enthusiastically offers our support for this project as we believe it will provide multiple environmental, health and economic benefits to the immediate communities adjacent to the region's major transportation routes and more broadly to the entire MSA residents, businesses, and visitors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kim Mutarelli". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with a large initial "K" and a long, sweeping "M".

Kim Mutarelli on behalf of Lisa Klem, Township Manager  
Upper Nazareth Township



# TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL



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The Honorable Michael S. Regan  
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United States Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460

March 27, 2024

Re: United States Environmental Protection Agency – Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG): Implementation Grants General Competition program – Lehigh Valley Green Transportation Infrastructure Project.

Dear Administrator Regan:

This letter is to attest, on behalf of Mayor Joseph Marx, Whitehall Township's support of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) Implementation Grant request of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to advance its ambitious green infrastructure transportation project. The project is designed to achieve one of the key goals identified in the recently completed *Lehigh Valley Priority Climate Action Plan for Transportation Decarbonization*, a prerequisite for this competitive grant program.

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As the grant proposes improvements and investment along a significant corridor that traverses through our most densely populated, diverse and economically challenged area of the Township, (US Route 22) this project is critically important to improving the quality of life of these residents.

Whitehall Township enthusiastically offers our support for this project as we believe it will provide multiple environmental, health and economic benefits to the immediate communities adjacent to the region's major transportation routes and more broadly to the entire MSA residents, businesses, and visitors.

For Mayor Joseph Marx Jr.,  
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe A. Rachus". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joe" being the most prominent.

Bureau Chief  
Planning, Zoning & Development  
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Whitehall Township

# Wind Gap Borough Office

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March 26, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan  
Administrator  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460

Re: United States Environmental Protection Agency – Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG): Implementation Grants General Competition program – Lehigh Valley Green Transportation Infrastructure Project.

Dear Administrator Regan:

This letter is to attest Wind Gap Borough's support of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) Implementation Grant request of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to advance its ambitious green infrastructure transportation project. The project is designed to achieve one of the key goals identified in the recently completed *Lehigh Valley Priority Climate Action Plan for Transportation Decarbonization*, a prerequisite for this competitive grant program.

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Wind Gap Borough enthusiastically offers our support for this project as we believe it will provide multiple environmental, health and economic benefits to the immediate communities adjacent to the region's major transportation routes and more broadly to the entire MSA residents, businesses, and visitors.

Sincerely,



Louise Firestone  
Borough Manager  
Wind Gap Borough





**Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority**

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March 28, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan  
Administrator  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460

Re: United States Environmental Protection Agency – Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG): Implementation Grants General Competition program – Lehigh Valley Green Transportation Infrastructure Project.

Dear Administrator Regan:

This letter is to attest that the Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority (LANTA) supports the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) Implementation Grant request of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to advance its ambitious green infrastructure transportation project. The project is designed to achieve one of the key goals identified in the recently completed *Lehigh Valley Priority Climate Action Plan for Transportation Decarbonization*, a prerequisite for this competitive grant program.

One key aspect of the project is a revisioning of the Williams Penn Highway and Route 33 Park & Ride, an existing and underutilized park and ride facility. The park and ride currently allows for connections between automobiles, local transit, and intercity bus services. However, there are limited user amenities and pedestrian infrastructure, safety concerns at the intercity bus location, and a layout design that requires local transit to follow a circuitous route within the park and ride to serve the designated bus stop location. This adds unnecessary time to the transit routes serving the facility and inconvenience for riders. The park and ride is also one of the designated station stops for LANTA's Enhanced Bus Service (EBS), a regional Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) type limited-stop express service, but again the current design does not allow for station type amenities such as a large waiting shelter, real time service information signage, and ticket vending machines.

The proposed project will transform the park and ride into a green multimodal transportation center that seamlessly connects local transit, intercity bus, walking, biking, driving and even freight. The revisioning will address the current shortcomings of the facility and include a comprehensive pedestrian network, address the vehicle flow for transit and intercity buses, and introduce station type amenities.

LANTA is the regional public transportation provider for the Lehigh Valley, carrying approximately 4.5 million passenger trips annually on our bus and paratransit services throughout Lehigh and Northampton Counties. Approximately 80 percent of LANTA's fixed route bus fleet is powered by Renewable Natural Gas (RNG).

LANTA enthusiastically offers our support for this project as we believe it will provide multiple environmental, health and economic benefits to the immediate communities adjacent to the region's major transportation routes and more broadly to the entire MSA residents, businesses, and visitors. The LANTA Board of Directors affirmed this support at their recent meeting on March 19, 2024.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Owen P. O'Neil". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "O" at the beginning.

Owen P. O'Neil  
Executive Director



March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan  
Administrator  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460

Re: United States Environmental Protection Agency – Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG):  
Implementation Grants General Competition program – Lehigh Valley Green Transportation  
Infrastructure Project.

Dear Administrator Regan:

This letter is to attest the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority's support of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) Implementation Grant request of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to advance its ambitious green infrastructure transportation project. The project is designed to achieve one of the key goals identified in the recently completed *Lehigh Valley Priority Climate Action Plan for Transportation Decarbonization*, a prerequisite for this competitive grant program.

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The Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE), managed by the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority, is a critical component of the transportation network within the Lehigh Valley. Coordinating and providing support to LVPC and PennDOT on this project and other initiatives is critical for a balanced and efficient transportation network encompassing all modes of transportation.

The Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority enthusiastically offers our support for this project as we believe it will provide multiple environmental, health and economic benefits to the immediate communities adjacent to the region's major transportation routes and more broadly to the entire MSA residents, businesses, and visitors.

Sincerely,



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Ryan A. Meyer  
Director of Planning & Programming





March 26, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan  
Administrator  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460

Re: United States Environmental Protection Agency – Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG):  
Implementation Grants General Competition program – Lehigh Valley Green Transportation Infrastructure  
Project.

Dear Administrator Regan:

This letter is to attest that the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce supports of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) Implementation Grant request of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to advance its ambitious green infrastructure transportation project. The project is designed to achieve one of the key goals identified in the recently completed *Lehigh Valley Priority Climate Action Plan for Transportation Decarbonization*, a prerequisite for this competitive grant program.

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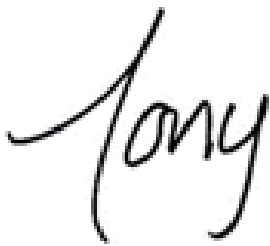
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With state, county and local partners integral to implementation, this funding provides an opportunity to create a network of green transportation corridors that will also identify the region as truly green, a key component of the Lehigh Valley's identity and a value that ranks highest in every bi-county planning public opinion poll in the last 20 years.

The LVPC's and PennDOT's partnership initiative is not just a local solution but a model for future transportation projects. By successfully integrating carbon sequestration into its transportation infrastructure, the Lehigh Valley will set a precedent for other regions to follow. This project demonstrates how regional planning, state agencies, and all levels of government with the support of non-profit and business partners can support each other to play a key role in addressing global environmental challenges through innovative and sustainable infrastructure development.

The Chamber's mission is to improve the economy and quality of life in the Lehigh Valley. The addition of native plantings at our interchanges supports that mission and we are excited about the environmental, health and economic benefits to the immediate communities adjacent to the region's major transportation routes and more broadly to the entire MSA residents, businesses, and visitors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony", with a stylized, cursive script.

T. Anthony Iannelli  
President & CEO  
Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce



March 28, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan  
Administrator  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460

Re: United States Environmental Protection Agency – Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG):  
Implementation Grants General Competition program – Lehigh Valley Green Transportation Infrastructure  
Project.

Dear Administrator Regan:

This letter is to offer AARP Pennsylvania's support of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) Implementation Grant request of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to advance its green infrastructure transportation project. As designed, the project strives to achieve one of the key goals identified in the *Lehigh Valley Priority Climate Action Plan for Transportation Decarbonization*, which served as a prerequisite for this competitive grant program.

Known as the Lehigh Valley Green Transportation project, it will reimagine and retrofit major transportation corridors of the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton PA/NJ Metropolitan Statistical Area, including US Route 22, and State Routes 33, and 378 with native landscaping, nature-based stormwater management and other carbon reduction features; revision an existing and underutilized park and ride facility into a green multimodal transportation center that seamlessly connects transit, walking, biking, driving and even freight; develop nature-based standards for highway corridors throughout the region. This project is a critical component of a broader effort to achieve transportation decarbonization in the region - - specifically centered in areas with the highest traffic, congestion, and ultimately lowest air-quality.

By implementing these elements, the LVPC and PennDOT aim to create an efficient transportation network that actively reduces greenhouse gases, thereby reducing the carbon footprint of the transportation network. Integrating carbon sequestration into transportation infrastructure signifies a positive step in environmental management. Such an approach not only addresses carbon emissions, it also contributes to biodiversity, pollination, improves air quality, reduces water run-off, decreases energy consumption, increases transportation safety, and options, and improves the quality of life along our area's busiest transportation corridors. Green spaces, urban forests, and other carbon-absorbing landscapes play a crucial role in creating a more sustainable and livable environment. They serve as natural carbon sinks, thus reinforcing the efforts to decarbonize transportation.

With state, county and local partners integral to implementation, this funding will provide an opportunity to create a network of green transportation corridors that will also identify the region as truly green, a key component of the Lehigh Valley's identity and a value that ranks highest in every bi-county planning public opinion poll in the last 20 years.

The partnership and collaboration between LVPC and PennDOT to pursue this initiative is not solely a local solution, but it serves a model for future transportation projects. By successfully integrating carbon sequestration into its transportation infrastructure, the Lehigh Valley will set a precedent for other regions to follow. This project demonstrates how regional planning, state agencies, and all levels of government with the support of non-profit and business partners can support each other to play a key role in addressing global environmental challenges through innovative and sustainable infrastructure development.

For AARP Pennsylvania, we urge policymakers on the federal, state, and local levels to design livable communities where residents of all ages can participate fully. Among our guiding principles is to ensure that communities work to promote health, safety, and environmental sustainability so that residents from all incomes and backgrounds can live safe, secure, and healthy lives. We believe that the Lehigh Valley Green Transportation Project upholds our commitment to achieving holistic policymaking whereby the interconnectedness of issues such as health, wellness, safety, work, education, environment, and social engagement are improved.

To this end, AARP Pennsylvania offers its support for this project as we believe it will provide multiple environmental, health and economic benefits to the immediate communities adjacent to the region's major transportation routes and more broadly to the entire MSA residents, businesses, and visitors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kellie VonStein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kellie" and last name "VonStein" clearly distinguishable.

Kellie VonStein  
Associate State Director  
Outreach and Advocacy, Lehigh Valley





April 2, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan  
Administrator  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460

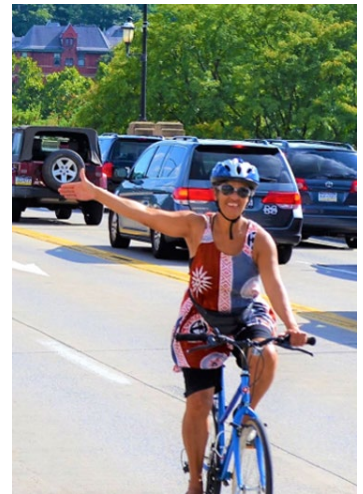
Re: United States Environmental Protection Agency – Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG): Implementation Grants General Competition program – Lehigh Valley Green Transportation Infrastructure Project.

Dear Administrator Regan:

This letter is to attest CAT-Coalition for Appropriate Transportation's support for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) Implementation Grant request of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to advance its ambitious green infrastructure transportation project. The project is designed to achieve one of the key goals identified in the recently completed Lehigh Valley Priority Climate Action Plan for Transportation Decarbonization, a prerequisite for this competitive grant program.

This project will reimagine and retrofit major transportation corridors of the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton PA/NJ Metropolitan Statistical Area, including US Route 22, and State Routes 33, and 378 with native landscaping, nature-based stormwater management and other carbon reduction features. In addition, the project will revision an existing and underutilized park and ride facility into a green multimodal transportation center that seamlessly connects transit, walking, biking, driving and even freight. Lastly, the Lehigh Valley Green Transportation Infrastructure project will develop nature-based standards for highway corridors throughout the region. This initiative is a critical component of a broader effort to achieve transportation decarbonization in the region, and specifically centered in areas with the highest traffic, congestion, and ultimately lowest air-quality.

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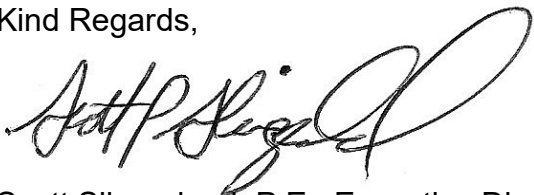
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The LVPC's and PennDOT's partnership initiative is not just a local solution but a model for future transportation projects. By successfully integrating carbon sequestration into its transportation infrastructure, the Lehigh Valley will set a precedent for other regions to follow. This project demonstrates how regional planning, state agencies, and all levels of government with the support of non-profit and business partners can support each other to play a key role in addressing global environmental challenges through innovative and sustainable infrastructure development.

CAT enthusiastically offers our support for this project as we believe it will provide multiple environmental, health and economic benefits to the immediate communities adjacent to the region's major transportation routes and more broadly to the entire MSA residents, businesses, and visitors.

Kind Regards,



Scott Slingerland, P.E., Executive Director  
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**CAT** works to improve mobility for everyone. Better bicycling, walking/ADA accessibility, multi-use trails, and public transit develop a stronger, smarter economy and a higher quality of life. Sustainable transportation reduces traffic congestion and counters climate change.



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March 25, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan  
Administrator  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460

Re: United States Environmental Protection Agency – Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG):  
Implementation Grants General Competition program – Lehigh Valley Green Transportation Infrastructure  
Project.

Dear Administrator Regan:

This letter is to attest Community Bike Works' support of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) Implementation Grant request of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to advance its ambitious green infrastructure transportation project. The project is designed to achieve one of the key goals identified in the recently completed *Lehigh Valley Priority Climate Action Plan for Transportation Decarbonization*, a prerequisite for this competitive grant program.

This project will reimagine and retrofit major transportation corridors of the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton PA/NJ Metropolitan Statistical Area, including US Route 22, and State Routes 33, and 378 with native landscaping, nature-based stormwater management and other carbon reduction features. In addition, the project will revise an existing and underutilized park and ride facility into a green multimodal transportation center that seamlessly connects transit, walking, biking, driving and even freight. Lastly, the Lehigh Valley Green Transportation Infrastructure project will develop nature-based standards for highway corridors throughout the region. This initiative is a critical component of a broader effort to achieve transportation decarbonization in the region, and specifically centered in areas with the highest traffic, congestion, and ultimately lowest air-quality.

By implementing these techniques, the LVPC and PennDOT aim to create an efficient transportation network that actively reduces greenhouse gases, thereby reducing the carbon footprint of the transportation network. Integrating carbon sequestration into transportation infrastructure signifies a revolutionary step in environmental management. This approach not only addresses carbon emissions but also contributes to biodiversity, pollination, improves air quality, reduces water run-off, decreases energy consumption, increases transportation safety and options, and improves the quality of life along the busiest transportation corridors. Green spaces, urban forests, and other carbon-absorbing landscapes play a crucial role in creating a more sustainable and livable environment. They serve as natural carbon sinks, thus reinforcing the efforts to decarbonize transportation.

It is of note that this project supports the health, equity, and environmental justice goals of multiple Justice40 communities. The project will incorporate sustainable design principles, installing green infrastructure within road rights-of-way interchanges, and a park and ride facility. It will include features that improve air quality, reduce stormwater runoff volume and velocity, provide pollinator habitats, mitigate heat island effects, improve

health outcomes, reduce natural and person-made hazards, and provide aesthetic benefits supporting well-being and healthy communities.

With state, county and local partners integral to implementation, this funding provides an opportunity to create a network of green transportation corridors that will also identify the region as truly green, a key component of the Lehigh Valley's identity and a value that ranks highest in every bi-county planning public opinion poll in the last 20 years.

The LVPC's and PennDOT's partnership initiative is not just a local solution but a model for future transportation projects. By successfully integrating carbon sequestration into its transportation infrastructure, the Lehigh Valley will set a precedent for other regions to follow. This project demonstrates how regional planning, state agencies, and all levels of government with the support of non-profit and business partners can support each other to play a key role in addressing global environmental challenges through innovative and sustainable infrastructure development.

Community Bike Works teaches life lessons through bicycles to the young people of the Lehigh Valley who could benefit most. At our three bike shops in downtown Allentown, East Allentown, and Easton's West Ward, and in community schools across the Lehigh Valley, youth join our flagship Earn a Bike and Junior Earn a Bike programs to learn bicycle mechanics while also learning life skills from teamwork to communication. By providing these students with bicycles, a helmet, and the know-how to ride safely in the city, Bike Works allows our students to explore a very cost-effective and environmentally friendly means of transportation, and in many cases, a way to get to an afterschool or summer job, as well as to school and back home during the academic year. The proposed project aligns with the work we are doing in our community.

Community Bike Works enthusiastically offers our support for this project as we believe it will provide multiple environmental, health and economic benefits to the immediate communities adjacent to the region's major transportation routes and more broadly to the entire MSA residents, businesses, and visitors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Kim Schaffer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, stylized "K" and "S".

Kim Schaffer,  
Executive Director





March 28, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan  
Administrator  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460

Re: United States Environmental Protection Agency – Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG): Implementation Grants General Competition program – Lehigh Valley Green Transportation Infrastructure Project

Dear Administrator Regan:

On behalf of the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor (DLNHC) and the Lehigh Valley Greenways Conservation Landscape (LVG) for which DLNHC serves as external lead, this letter is to attest support of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) Implementation Grant request of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to advance its ambitious green infrastructure transportation project. The project is designed to achieve one of the key goals identified in the recently completed *Lehigh Valley Priority Climate Action Plan for Transportation Decarbonization*, a prerequisite for this competitive grant program.

DLNHC understands that through this project LVPC and PennDOT will reimagine and retrofit major transportation corridors of the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton PA/NJ Metropolitan Statistical Area, to create an efficient transportation network that actively reduces greenhouse gases, thereby reducing the carbon footprint of the transportation network. With a focus that includes US Route 22, and State Routes 33, and 378, as well as a focus on Justice40 communities, the project's new approaches will incorporate native landscaping, nature-based stormwater management and other carbon reduction features. In addition, the project will revision an existing and underutilized park and ride facility into a green multimodal transportation center that seamlessly connects transit, walking, biking, driving and even freight. Lastly, the Lehigh Valley Green Transportation Infrastructure project will develop nature-based standards for highway corridors throughout the region. This initiative is a critical component of a broader effort to achieve transportation decarbonization in the region, and specifically centered in areas with the highest traffic, congestion, and ultimately lowest air-quality.

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DLNHC's mission pillars include connecting people to health and wellness benefits of outdoor recreation and to nature and the environment through conservation and education. And green infrastructure is a critical component to revitalizing the community and realizing the vision of Lehigh Valley Greenways, a DCNR supported conservation landscape. We envision Lehigh Valley communities linked to greenways, trails and outdoor experiences resulting in stronger local economies and improved public health, green infrastructure and natural resources. As the most highly urbanized conservation landscape in the state with a rapidly growing population, the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program sought by Lehigh Valley Planning Commission offers an opportunity to bring this vision to fruition. Specifically, the focus of LVPC's application to revision park and ride facilities as a green multimodal center that focuses on walking and biking and nature based standards for highway corridors and stormwater management directly support the priorities of our organization and conservation landscape.

The LVPC seeks to demonstrate a partnership between an MPO and PennDOT that can serve as a model for other regions, detailing how regional planning, state agencies, and all levels of government with the support of non-profit and business partners can support each other to play a key role in addressing global environmental challenges through innovative and sustainable infrastructure development. This is especially beneficial to DLNHC as we also cover the Delaware and Wyoming valleys and support the spread of information and best practices.

DLNHC and LVG enthusiastically offers our support for this project as we believe it will provide multiple environmental, health and economic benefits to the immediate communities adjacent to the region's major transportation routes and more broadly to the entire MSA residents, businesses, and visitors.

Sincerely,

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Claire W. Sadler  
Executive Director



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March 26, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan  
Administrator  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460

Re: United States Environmental Protection Agency – Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG):  
Implementation Grants General Competition program – Lehigh Valley Green Transportation Infrastructure Project.

Dear Administrator Regan:

This letter is to attest the Nurture Nature Center's support of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) Implementation Grant request of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to advance its ambitious green infrastructure transportation project. The project is designed to achieve one of the key goals identified in the recently completed Lehigh Valley Priority Climate Action Plan for Transportation Decarbonization, a prerequisite for this competitive grant program.

This project will reimagine and retrofit major transportation corridors of the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton PA/NJ Metropolitan Statistical Area, including US Route 22, and State Routes 33, and 378 with native landscaping, nature-based stormwater management and other carbon reduction features. In addition, the project will revision an existing and underutilized park and ride facility into a green multimodal transportation center that seamlessly connects transit, walking, biking, driving and even freight. Lastly, the Lehigh Valley Green Transportation Infrastructure project will develop nature-based standards for highway corridors throughout the region. This initiative is a critical component of a broader effort to achieve transportation decarbonization in the region, and specifically centered in areas with the highest traffic, congestion, and ultimately lowest air-quality.

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It is of note that this project supports the health, equity, and environmental justice goals of multiple Justice40 communities. The project will incorporate sustainable design principles, installing green infrastructure within road rights-of-way, interchanges and a park and ride facility. It will include features that improve air quality, reduce stormwater runoff volume and velocity, provide pollinator habitats, mitigate heat island effects, improve health outcomes, reduce natural and person-made hazards, and provide aesthetic benefits supporting well-being and healthy communities.

With state, county and local partners integral to implementation, this funding provides an opportunity to create a network of green transportation corridors that will also identify the region as truly green, a key component of the

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The LVPC's and PennDOT's partnership initiative is not just a local solution but a model for future transportation projects. By successfully integrating carbon sequestration into its transportation infrastructure, the Lehigh Valley will set a precedent for other regions to follow. This project demonstrates how regional planning, state agencies, and all levels of government with the support of non-profit and business partners can support each other to play a key role in addressing global environmental challenges through innovative and sustainable infrastructure development.

The Nurture Nature Center is a non-profit located in Easton, PA (part of the Lehigh Valley) committed to engaging the public in learning about local environmental issues by leveraging the power of informal science education, art-centered approaches to learning, and community dialogue and networking. Started in response to flooding on the Delaware River, we have continued to engage with our local communities around natural hazards and climate change through education, outreach, and community science. We helped lead Easton's efforts to inventory its greenhouse gas emissions, conduct a vulnerability assessment and finalize a climate action and adaptation plan. We recently encouraged Easton to adopt a net zero emissions goal by 2050 and are funded by NOAA to implement an education and outreach project, CREATE Connections, that shares Easton and Bethlehem's Climate Action Plans with their communities and encourages climate action. We are optimistic about the *Lehigh Valley Priority Climate Action Plan* and support efforts to expand green infrastructure in our region, to not only help mitigate climate change but to address flooding as well.

Nurture Nature Center enthusiastically offers our support for this project as we believe it will provide multiple environmental, health and economic benefits to the immediate communities adjacent to the region's major transportation routes and more broadly to the entire MSA residents, businesses, and visitors.

Sincerely,



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March 28, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan  
Administrator  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460

Re: United States Environmental Protection Agency – Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG):  
Implementation Grants General Competition program – Lehigh Valley Green Transportation Infrastructure  
Project.

Dear Administrator Regan:

This letter is to attest United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley's support of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) Implementation Grant request of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to advance its ambitious green infrastructure transportation project. The project is designed to achieve one of the key goals identified in the recently completed *Lehigh Valley Priority Climate Action Plan for Transportation Decarbonization*, a prerequisite for this competitive grant program.

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A green transportation infrastructure will improve air quality, be aesthetically pleasing and be a benefit to the overall health and well-being of residents and others in the region. The multimodal transportation center reinforces the benefits that can be achieved through cross sector collaboration while simultaneously increasing transportation safety.

United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley enthusiastically offers our support for this project as we believe it will provide multiple environmental, health and economic benefits to the immediate communities adjacent to the region's major transportation routes and more broadly to the entire MSA residents, businesses, and visitors.

Sincerely,



Carmen A. Bell  
Sr. Director Healthy Aging  
United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley





# Wildlands Conservancy

March 26, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan  
Administrator  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460

RE: United States Environmental Protection Agency – Climate Pollution Reduction Grant  
Program (CPRG): Implementation Grants General Competition program – Lehigh Valley  
Green Transportation Infrastructure Project

Dear Administrator Regan,

This letter is to attest Wildlands Conservancy Inc.'s support of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) Implementation Grant request of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), to advance its ambitious green infrastructure transportation project. The project is designed to achieve one of the key goals identified in the recently completed *Lehigh Valley Priority Climate Action Plan for Transportation Decarbonization*, a prerequisite for this competitive grant program.

This project will reimagine and retrofit major transportation corridors of the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton PA/NJ Metropolitan Statistical Area, including US Route 22, and State Routes 33, and 378, with native landscaping, nature-based stormwater management, and other carbon reduction features. In addition, the project will revision an existing and underutilized park and ride facility into a green multimodal transportation center that seamlessly connects transit, walking, biking, driving and even freight. Lastly, the Lehigh Valley Green Transportation Infrastructure project will develop nature-based standards for highway corridors throughout the region. This initiative is a critical component of a broader effort to achieve transportation decarbonization in the region, and specifically centered in areas with the highest traffic, congestion, and ultimately lowest air-quality.

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It is of note that this project supports the health, equity, and environmental justice goals of multiple Justice40 communities. The project will incorporate sustainable design principles, installing green infrastructure within road rights-of-way, interchanges and a park and ride facility. It will include features that improve air quality, reduce stormwater runoff volume and velocity, provide pollinator habitats, mitigate heat island effects, improve health outcomes, reduce natural and person-made hazards, and provide aesthetic benefits supporting well-being and healthy communities.

With state, county and local partners integral to implementation, this funding provides an opportunity to create a network of green transportation corridors that will also identify the region as truly green, a key component of the Lehigh Valley's identity, and a value that ranks highest in every bi-county planning public opinion poll in the last 20 years.

The LVPC's and PennDOT's partnership initiative is not just a local solution, but a model for future transportation projects. By successfully integrating carbon sequestration into its transportation infrastructure, the Lehigh Valley will set a precedent for other regions to follow. This project demonstrates how regional planning, state agencies, and all levels of government with the support of non-profit and business partners can support each other to play a key role in addressing global environmental challenges through innovative and sustainable infrastructure development.

As the Lehigh Valley's non-profit land trust, for the past 50 years Wildlands Conservancy has been working to protect the natural resources of the Lehigh Valley and Lehigh River watershed, through land preservation, ecological restoration, and environmental education. We have protected over 60,000 acres of open space to-date. The proposed project aligns with our strategic goals, and this project will forward our natural resource protection mission. Wildlands Conservancy stands ready to assist with the implementation of the project.

Wildlands Conservancy, Inc. enthusiastically offers our support for this project, as we believe it will provide multiple environmental, health and economic benefits to the immediate communities adjacent to the region's major transportation routes and more broadly to the entire MSA residents, businesses, and visitors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris M. Kocher", written in a cursive style.

Christopher M. Kocher  
President