



UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

Facilities Management

March 8th, 2024

Metroplan
Attn: Casey Covington, Executive Director
501 W. Markham St., Ste. B
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: Letter of Commitment for Arkansas Tri-Region Coalition's CPRG application

Dear Mr. Covington:

This letter is intended to express the University of Arkansas's strong, long-term commitment to supporting the Northwest Arkansas Green Network goals outlined in the Arkansas Tri-Region Coalition's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) implementation application.

As Arkansas's flagship institution and land-grant university, the University of Arkansas (U of A), Fayetteville has a mandate to teach, conduct research, and perform research. Responsible resource management is integral to the university's mission and has led the U of A Fayetteville campus to commit to multiple carbon and climate goals with a primary target of net-carbon neutrality by 2040.

The University of Arkansas will partner with Metroplan and coalition member, Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC), to contribute to the effective implementation of the Northwest Arkansas Green Network project, which will reduce and sequester greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality, and provide energy and transportation cost savings in Arkansas' second-largest metro area.

The University of Arkansas will use its subaward to provide the following assistance with the design and performance of the following projects included in the Arkansas Tri-Region Coalition's CPRG implementation application:

- U of A Oak Ridge Trail and Restoration Project
- Arkansas Research and Technology Park Land Restoration Project
- U of A Oak Knoll Savanna and Stream Restoration Project

I appreciate our inclusion in the Arkansas Tri-Region Coalition's CPRG application. We are eager to participate in the coalition's efforts to protect the Natural State and ensure environmental and economic benefits to some of its most vulnerable residents.

Sincerely,

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