

City of Fayetteville

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Metroplan

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

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

Dear Mr. Covington:

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

Fayetteville is facing a climate crisis. Extreme weather events and constrained resources directly affect our residents, especially those who live in low-income and disadvantaged neighborhoods. How we address this crisis will affect current and future generations' abilities to thrive and exist. To meet the magnitude of this crisis, Fayetteville has been developing a comprehensive climate plan and strategy.

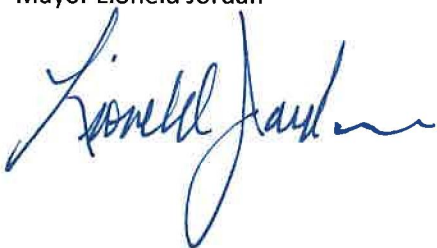
Fayetteville's Climate Action Plan sets ambitious mitigation targets, including an overarching goal of net-zero emissions by 2050. Setting a net-zero goal aligns Fayetteville with international targets that aim to balance greenhouse gas (GHG) production with atmospheric removals. To be on track to be net zero by 2050, the community will need to decrease our cumulative GHG emissions by 37 percent by 2030. In addition to ambitious mitigation targets, Fayetteville's Climate Action Plan also introduces nature-based climate adaptation goals that recognize climate change is already having a significant impact on our daily lives. Nature-based solutions that sequester carbon in the natural environment provide numerous overlapping benefits such as improved air quality, active transportation (trail) connectivity, and heat island mitigation. These solutions, when implemented in low-income and disadvantaged communities, will mitigate some of the negative impacts of extreme weather events on our most vulnerable residents.

The City of Fayetteville looks forward to partnering with Metroplan and the 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.

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,

Mayor Lioneld Jordan

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