

March 26, 2024

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

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

Dear Mr. Covington:

This letter is to express The Nature Conservancy's support of the carbon reduction and sequestration goals outlined in the Arkansas Tri-Region Coalition's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) implementation application.

The mission of The Nature Conservancy is to conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends. Our vision is a world where the diversity of life thrives, and people act to conserve nature for its own sake and its ability to fulfill our needs and enrich our lives. We are a science based organization that works closely with partners to accomplish our mission and we are well-positioned to support CPRG activities.

The Nature Conservancy is dedicated to preserving natural infrastructure cores and corridors through fee-simple acquisition, conservation easements or other means. The Arkansas Business Unit of The Nature Conservancy has protected over 300,000 acres in Arkansas and continues to hold fee-simple ownership and conservation easements throughout the state.

Arkansas, known as the Natural State, boasts abundant environmental assets, including pristine forests, waterways, and diverse ecosystems. Protecting these natural treasures ensures a sustainable future for generations to come.

I appreciate your dedication to implementing greenhouse gas reduction projects across Arkansas' three largest metro areas. We are eager to support the coalition's efforts to protect the Natural State and ensure environmental and economic benefits to over one half of Arkansas' population, including some of the state's most vulnerable residents.

Sincerely,



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