



CITY OF ROGERS
Office of the Mayor
Mayor Greg Hines

March 13, 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 City of Rogers' 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.

The City of Rogers Department of Community Development has been investing in multiple projects across the city with a focus on improving greenspace within the community, restoring stream corridors, and reducing the effects of flooding on the community. The Engineering Division focuses on solutions that support growth while protecting the environment and responsibly enhancing our quality of life for generations to come. The Planning Division has a goal of creating the conditions for excellent design, polycentricity, balanced integration of the built and natural environment, livability, and prosperity. Both divisions are working together closely on these projects with a focus on sustainability and resilience within the community.

The City of Rogers has demonstrated commitment to carbon reduction. We have invested in a robust active transportation network combined with a city-wide stormwater model, which we are using to determine optimal locations for targeted stream and wetland restoration, stormwater facility upgrades, and to conduct deeper analysis on the impacts of proposed development activities. The City has continued on the momentum of its stormwater model by beginning to create a master plan for the restoration of the major creeks running through Rogers and completing the missing gaps within their trail system. We are excited about this funding opportunity that will allow us to make further progress in establishing this important restoration and transportation corridor.

The City of Rogers 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 City of Rogers 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:

- Osage Creek Restoration and Trail Connectivity
 - Restoration of Osage Creek from 24th Street to Walnut Street
 - Wetland restoration upstream from 24th Street to 8th Street
 - Completion of the missing trail corridor from 13th Street to 8th Street and 24th Street to Dixieland
- Wetland Restoration
 - Restoration of a key wetland at Rogers Regional Sports Park
 - Restoration of the floodplain and wetlands for portions of Blossom Way Creek and Blossom Way Creek Tributary 1 and 2 within the LIDAC areas.
- Floodplain Preservation
 - Restoration and preservation of the wetland/floodplain area located on City property surrounding the wastewater treatment plant. This serves as a key first step as the City prepares to restore the stream in a future planning stage

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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