

March 29, 2024

Michael Fitzgerald, Assistant Director  
New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Air Resource Division  
29 Hazen Drive, PO Box 95  
Concord, NH 03302-0095

Re: TNC Letter of Commitment for the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald,

The Nature Conservancy in New Hampshire (TNC) is committed to assisting the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) in implementing measures included in the state's Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP), and in NHDES's application for funding through EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program. These funds will benefit the state significantly, creating incentives to reduce harmful air pollution statewide, address barriers to implementation in disadvantaged communities, leverage and unlock other funding sources, and foster job growth and training in skilled trades.

We thank NHDES for your work to develop the PCAP and the proposal for CPRG funding in order to lower energy costs, reduce emissions, improve public and environmental health, and protect our precious natural resources. We support NHDES' proposal for funding across all sectors, from transportation, to buildings, to the important workforce development aspects of the proposal. Significant opportunities exist here in New Hampshire in all of these areas, and we must act swiftly to capture the benefits of programs that address gaps across all sectors.

TNC has benefited for many years through partnering with DES and others on plans and programs to address a range of climate, sustainability, and energy challenges and opportunities, including participating in the development of the 2009 New Hampshire Climate Action Plan. Our staff has expertise that could be useful across a range of disciplines, including natural climate solutions, resilience, and clean energy deployment, among others. We look forward to participating more in the future including through continued engagement in the CPRG processes, to assist with meaningful community involvement, and to achieve the goals of the CPRG program.

Thank you again for your work to ensure that New Hampshire is in a strong position to take advantage of the significant opportunities in the CPRG program. These funding resources will be critical to ensuring that we bring the benefits of climate action to the people and natural resources of New Hampshire.

Respectfully,



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