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SEDA-Council of Governments (SEDA-COG)
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Dear SEDA-COG,

We, the Lycoming County Board of Commissioners, hereby affirm our commitment to actively participate in and support the SEDA-COG Regional Community Sustainability Alliance and the initiatives associated with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG). As a dedicated partner, we are fully invested in the success and longevity of these projects and pledge to contribute our resources, expertise, and collaborative efforts towards achieving the outlined goals. We are excited to include the *Susquehanna River Walk Extension* as a GHG reduction project for SEDA-COG's regional EPA CPRG grant.

The River Walk Extension is identified as one of PA's top 10 trail gaps in DCNR's State Outdoor Recreation Plan and has been identified as a priority project by a wide range of community, municipal, and regional partners and planning initiatives. The 4-mile trail will connect the existing River Walk to Susquehanna State Park, the Lycoming Creek Bikeway, and neighborhoods with key employments and economic hubs in Williamsport. In doing so, this project will both provide new transposition options for residents of the Greater Williamsport Metropolitan Area and also make a direct connection to the existing bus routes and commuter facilities.

Lycoming County recognizes the critical importance of environmental sustainability and acknowledges the significant impact that collective action can have in addressing climate change and reducing pollution within our region. We firmly believe that through strategic partnerships and collaborative efforts, we can make meaningful progress towards building a more resilient and sustainable future for our communities.

Specifically, Lycoming County commits to the following:

Performance of Project Activities: The County of Lycoming will participate in project activities, including but not limited to research, data collection, implementation of sustainability measures, compliance with federal and state regulations, procurement, construction oversight, and community outreach efforts for the River Walk Extension.

Supporting County and Municipality Partners: SEDA-COG encourage cross-county/cross-municipality collaboration. We will provide guidance to other municipalities and counties on biking/pedestrian infrastructure projects and other sustainability related projects through planning director's meetings or other special meetings held at SEDA-COG, to cross-collaborate, share knowledge and technical assistance, and support sustainability projects from planning to implementation.

Resource Allocation: We will allocate financial resources, staff time, and other necessary resources to support the successful execution of the River Walk Extension project, demonstrating our commitment to its success.

By obtaining support from Lycoming County and other project partners, we believe that the applicant organization, SEDA-COG, will be better equipped to effectively perform the project. Our collective expertise, resources, and collaborative efforts will enhance the project's impact, increase its sustainability, and ensure its long-term success.

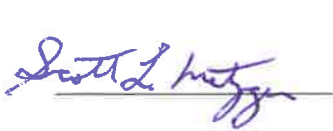
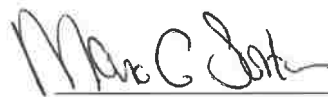
We are excited about the opportunity to work alongside SEDA-COG and other project partners to advance the goals of the Regional Community Sustainability Alliance and the EPA CPRG. Together, we can create positive change and build a more sustainable and resilient future for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Scott L. Metzger
Chairman

Marc C. Sortman
Vice Chairman

Mark Mussina
Secretary

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