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SEDA-Council of Governments (SEDA-COG)
201 Furnace Road
Lewisburg, PA 17837

Dear SEDA-COG,

We, City of Sunbury, 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 Sunbury Riverwalk Extension as a GHG reduction project for SEDA-COG's regional EPA CPRG grant.

Sunbury is a low-income community with 19.3% of the population living in poverty according to the latest numbers on the U.S. Census. Walkability is not only vital to creating a more sustainable future, but also creates connections within the City of Sunbury to ensure individuals can access the goods and services needed within our own community as there is no public transportation.

This project expands on an existing walkway that will:

- Connect to major hubs within our community.
- Promote safety as there currently no existing sidewalk in this proposed project area.
- Includes planting trees and providing LED lighting.
- Create an opportunity for the next phase of the project to connect to a state park (Shikellamy) and will help connect neighboring communities.

Sunbury 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, Sunbury commits to the following:

Performance of Project Activities: Our organization will directly 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.



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Supporting County and Municipality Partners: SEDA-COG encourage cross-county/cross-municipality collaboration. We will provide guidance and collaboration with 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 project, demonstrating our commitment to its success.

By obtaining support from the City of Sunbury 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,

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