NORTHERN KENTUCKY
INDEPENDENT DISTRICT
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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October 7, 2009

Mr. Mike Norman
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Dear Mr. Norman:

The Northern Kentucky Health Department serves and collaborates with the three Northern Kentucky entities applying for a Brownfield's Assessment Grant through the US EPA at every opportunity. We welcome this grant as a new possibility to enhance our current partnerships.

As a local public health department with a major commitment and mandated responsibility for improving environmental health we are particularly well situated to be an active partner in this project. Our efforts are focused on health protection, education and outreach. The department's programs focus on identification, assessment and mitigation and improvement of sites within our community that effect health and wellness and livable community standards. This would include directing the cleanup of contaminated sites.

Mr. Steve Divine, RS, Director of Environmental Health & Safety, will be designated the Department's primary representative to the collaboration and serve on the Partner's Committee. He has considerable experience in dealing with community collaborations and environmental health and safety issues in Northern Kentucky.

In my experience maximizing the health parameters and environmental conditions in a community are followed by increased use and development. This in turn results in improved overall health of the community.

If I may be able to provide additional information please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Sincerely,

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SD1
Managing Northern Kentucky's
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September 29, 2009

Mike Norman
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Dear Mr. Norman,

Sanitation District No. 1 (SD1) serves as the regional storm water and wastewater utility for Northern Kentucky. A principal mission of SD1 is to provide affordable and sustainable protection of our water resources as well as to enhance economic opportunities across our three county service area. To fulfill this mission, SD1 often finds it beneficial to partner with other organizations. Therefore, it is with pleasure that I write a letter supporting the efforts of the coalition comprised of the City of Covington, the Campbell County Fiscal Court and the Northern Kentucky Area Development District in attaining a Brownfield Assessment Grant.

The purpose of the assessment grant, which is to inventory, characterize, assess and conduct cleanup and redevelopment planning on potential contaminant sites, aligns with SD1's watershed protection goals. To support this effort, SD1 will provide a staff member to serve on the Partners Committee that will oversee the project. This staff member will serve as a liaison with the Partners Committee in order to provide SD1 resources (data, reports, staff expertise) towards the implementation of the assessment project. SD1 has a great deal of knowledge about the Northern Kentucky area and access to resources that may be useful in this process.

This project has the potential to generate tremendous benefits for the Northern Kentucky area, particularly within its urban core. Therefore, we strongly support the Brownfield Assessment grant application. If we can provide additional information or assist in any way, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Jeffery A. Eger
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September 22, 2009

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Subject: **Letter of Support**
Brownfields Assessment Grant Proposal
Licking Valley Greenway

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On behalf of Northern Kentucky University, I would like to express our support for and commitment to the proposed Brownfields Assessment Grant being spearheaded by the Northern Kentucky Area Development District to address brownfields in the Licking Valley Greenway. Brownfields remediation and redevelopment is critical to protecting and restoring the environment and public health, and to reinvigorating the regional economy.

Qualifications. NKU's Center for Applied Ecology provides professional, science-based environmental services to the local community while offering practical work experience to NKU students. The Center's primary contribution to the program will be the participation of Scott Fennell, PE. Scott has over 20 years professional experience in brownfields identification, assessment, and remediation, having served as the principal engineer and project manager on 37 brownfields sites in 11 states. Scott served as the principal investigator developing a GIS inventory of potential brownfields in the City of Covington and Kenton County. Scott is a Certified Professional in the Ohio EPA Voluntary Action Program, and is a licensed professional engineer in Kentucky.

Contributions to the Initiative. Scott will contribute to the project by serving on the Partners' Committee. In this capacity, he will provide advice to ensure resources are expended in the most useful and economical way, while achieving the necessary degree of technical quality, to accomplish as much work as practicable with the available funding. For example, Scott can evaluate competing consultants' proposals to ensure that efforts are focused and effective relative to numbers and types of environmental samples, chemical analyses, QA/QC, human health and environmental risk assessments, and remedial actions. Scot and/or other CAE professional staff can also provide consultation as to redevelopment landuse, particularly relative to potential for restoration as a natural area / greenspace.

We look forward to working with community partners to restore and protect the Licking Valley Greenway.

Sincerely,

Salina Shrofel

Salina Shrofel
Associate Provost for Research and
Dean of Graduate Programs
Northern Kentucky University

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September 23, 2009

Mr. Mike Norman
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Dear Mr. Norman,

Thomas More College is pleased to write this letter of support for the Northern Kentucky Coalition's application of a Brownfield's Assessment Grant. The College agreed to work with the Coalition to achieve its goal to conduct clean up and redevelopment planning of potentially contaminated sites to further increase economic and recreational utilization of the river corridor.

Dr. Shannon Galbraith-Kent, assistant professor in the Biology Department, will work with the Northern Kentucky Coalition once funding is received. Dr. Galbraith-Kent conducts research in the areas of ecological restoration and urban ecology as well as teaches courses in Ecology, Botany and Environmental Sciences.

Thomas More College looks forward to the opportunity the grant funding will provide the Coalition to achieve its goal and the College's participation in that achievement.

Sincerely,

Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer, CDP

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RE: Brownfield Assessment Grant for the Licking Valley Greenway
(Northern Kentucky coalition: City of Covington, Campbell County Fiscal Court, Northern Kentucky Area Development District)

Dear Mr. Norman:

On behalf of President Margaret Stallmeyer C.D.P. and the entire Thomas More College community, I am writing in enthusiastic support of the Northern Kentucky coalition to secure funding for the Brownfields Assessment Grant (US Environmental Protection Agency).

Thomas More College is a private, Catholic, liberal arts college located in Northern Kentucky. A strong component of our mission statement is for our students and faculty to be responsible citizens in our communities and to always work toward justice. In urban areas, such as those in Northern Kentucky, justice is often neglected when the potential for contamination of the soils, water, and air in our communities can be significant. Given the detrimental impact that these brownfields have on our natural resources and human health, Thomas More College is proud to be a participant in solving these challenges.

The purpose of this fund request is to inventory, characterize, assess and conduct cleanup and re-development planning on any potentially contaminated sites in the Licking Valley Greenway, located in Northern Kentucky. Consequently, this Brownfields Assessment Grant is very important to our regional community, as it would permit the synergistic opportunity to preserve idle urban sites and to protect the health of our local residents.

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At Thomas More College, we are already in collaboration with Northern Kentucky University and Gateway Community and Technical College to locate and initiate an urban campus within the Licking Valley Greenway. The development of this campus is based on the recognition that citizens in these urban areas need more opportunities for learning and career advancement. Certainly, funding provided through this Brownfields Assessment Grant would help ensure the environmental health of all students and faculty participating in this new campus.

Additionally, this grant would provide hands-on experience for students in both of our Biology and Environmental Science majors through several of our courses (*e.g.*, Environmental Science Research Methods, Ecology). In these classes, this Brownfields Assessment Grant would allow our students to simultaneously learn environmental characteristics of urban habitats and the great importance of applied science in their own communities. Also, our college's widely recognized River Field Station houses the Center for Ohio River Research and Education, which could serve as a site for collaboration and research during this project. (http://www.thomasmore.edu/fieldstation/?group2=Biology%20Field%20Station)

In conclusion, we are very excited this Northern Kentucky coalition has shown the commitment toward improving the natural and human health of urban areas in the Licking Valley Greenway. I commit Thomas More College as a partner with this coalition and will gladly serve as a representative on the partners committee overseeing the project.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any further assistance or information.

Sincerely,

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Northern Kentucky
Chamber of Commerce

October 8, 2009

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Dear Mr. Norman:

On behalf of the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce and our nearly 2,000 member businesses that employ approximately 250,000 individuals in the region, I write to express my support for the Northern Kentucky Coalition's application for a Brownfield Assessment Grant through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The Northern Kentucky Coalition consists of the City of Covington, the Campbell County Fiscal Court and the Northern Kentucky Area Development District. Their goal is to use the assessment grant to inventory, characterize and conduct cleanup and redevelopment planning for the Licking Valley Greenway – a key area for development in our community.

The Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce fully supports this effort and intends to play a key role on the Coalition's Partners Committee, which will oversee the project. Matt Davis, the Chamber's Vice President for Business and Community Advocacy, will serve as our representative on the committee. The Chamber supports this grant application because our mission is to help businesses of all sizes flourish in our region by supporting common sense economic development efforts. To accomplish this, we believe it is critical to have a vibrant welcoming urban core with healthy residents and areas that are ripe for development. Brownfields in our community are unusable sites in distressed areas that negatively affect our region's ability to attract businesses and families. Accessing the $1 million Brownfield Assessment Grant is a critical step to redeveloping and revitalizing the Licking Valley Greenway.

The Chamber is pleased to support this project and we look forward to the possibility of participating in this economic development effort. Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to contact me or my staff regarding the Chamber's involvement in this effort.

Sincerely,

Steve Stevens
President, Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce

Cc: Robert Schrage, Northern Kentucky Area Development District

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Re: Licking River Greenway Brownfield Assessment Grant

Dear Mr. Norman:

VISION 2015 is a non-profit 501(c)(3) partner in the application for an EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant. The concept of a Licking River Greenway is one of many initiatives to improve the economy and quality of life in Northern Kentucky that were generated by community residents and leaders under the guidance of Vision 2015 in a long range planning exercise. More than 2000 citizens participated in the process that concluded that the quality of a community's parks and recreation system is a key indicator of the overall quality of life of a community and is critical to the region's future.

The Licking River valley soon became the focus of this regional parks initiative. Funds were raised from public and private sector sources to engage local engineering and landscape architectural firms in the development of a Master Plan for the river valley. Vision 2015 led a civic engagement process to assure that the plan included the ideas and priorities of local residents and had broad support from businesses, civic organizations, and local governments.

The Licking River Greenway and Trails study area encompasses the corridor from the confluence with the Ohio River to I-275 and the adjoining communities of Covington, Taylor Mill, Newport and Wilder, Kentucky. The report takes into account related planning efforts, planned development, cultural and historical resources, eco-structure and infrastructure along the Greenway. Representatives from the Sanitation District, the Water District, the Conservation Districts, the Port Authority, the Area Planning Commission and local governments joined leaders from the adjacent neighborhoods, property owners, civic associations, and business organizations to prepare the Master Plan.

Now we are working together to implement the Plan. The Fiscal Courts and the City Commissions and staffs meet with us on a regular basis to assure that the next

steps are taken. The application for a Brownfield Assessment Grant is both an indication of this strong partnership and an outcome of the collaboration. The river valley has been home to many industries in the past. Environmentally impaired sites must be identified and addressed if the Greenway is to become an attractive and healthy site for recreational uses. The clean-up and redevelopment of the Licking River valley is a top priority of the Greenway coalition and Vision 2015.

Sincerely,

William Scheyer, President

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CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY

RESOLUTION R-123-09

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT'S SUPPORT FOR THE APPLICATION OF A US EPA BROWNFIELD COALITION ASSESSMENT GRANT FOR THE LICKING RIVER GREENWAY.

WHEREAS, the Campbell County Fiscal Court will be partnering with the Northern Kentucky Area Development District (NKADD) and the City of Covington to apply for a Brownfield Coalition Assessment Grant; and

WHEREAS, the NKADD will be the lead applicant on this assessment grant application for which there is no local match required by any partner; and

WHEREAS, the request is for $1,000,000 to assess multiple Brownfield sites in Campbell and Kenton Counties for hazardous substances and/or petroleum; and,

WHEREAS, these funds are made available by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency through the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act; and,

WHEREAS, this funding will allow for these assessments to take place so that the buildings and other structures blighting the community and/or other obstacles to the development of community assets such as the Licking River Greenway can be revitalized; and,

WHEREAS, this is a community-wide project that will serve the Counties of Campbell and Kenton and the Cities of Covington, Newport, Taylor Mill and Wilder; and,

WHEREAS, the coalition will facilitate the strategy, formulation and implementation of the projects and ensure fair and equitable distribution of funds throughout the Licking River Greenway Brownfields Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Campbell County Fiscal Court hereby expresses its support for the application of a Brownfield Coalition Assessment Grant as well as the Licking River Greenway Brownfields Project.

Approved and adopted this 7th day of October, 2009 by the Campbell County Fiscal Court, Campbell County, Kentucky.

STEVE PENDERY
Judge/Executive

ATTEST:

Paula K. Spicer
Fiscal Court Clerk

COMMISSIONERS' ORDER/RESOLUTION NO. O/R-245-09

AN ORDER/RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE CITY OF COVINGTON AND THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SUPPORT FOR THE APPLICATION OF A BROWNFIELD COALITION ASSESSMENT GRANT.

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WHEREAS, the City of Covington will be partnering with the Northern Kentucky Area Development District and Campbell County Fiscal Court to apply for a Brownfield Coalition assessment grant; and

WHEREAS, the NKADD will be the lead applicant on this assessment grant application for which there is no local match required by any partner; and

WHEREAS, the request is for $1,000,000 to assess multiple Brownfield sites in Covington and Campbell and Kenton Counties for hazardous substances and/or petroleum; and

WHEREAS, these funds are made available by the Environmental Protection Agency through the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act; and

WHEREAS, this funding will allow for these assessments to take place so that the buildings and other structures blighting the community and/or are obstacles to the development of community assets such as the Licking River Greenway can be revitalized.

WHEREAS, this is a community wide project that will serve the Counties of Kenton and Campbell and the Cities of Covington, Wilder, Newport, and Taylor Mill.

WHEREAS, the coalition will facilitate the strategy, formulation and implementation of the projects and ensure fair and equitable distribution of funds throughout the Licking River Greenway Brownfields Project.

NOW, THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY:

Section 1

That the City of Covington and the Board of Commissioners hereby express its support for the application of a Brownfield Coalition Assessment Grant as well as the Licking River Greenway Brownfields Project.

Section 2

That this order/resolution shall take effect and be in full force when passed and recorded according to law.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

ACTING CITY CLERK

Passed: 9/28/09

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John Mays, Executive Director

September 20, 2009

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Dear Mr. Norman:

The Northern Kentucky Area Development District (NKADD) is committed to serving as the lead member of the Coalition created for the Brownfield Assessment Grant Application including its implementation. The other coalition members are the City of Covington and the Campbell County Fiscal Court. All three of our organizations have a long history of working together. The NKADD has almost 40 years of experience in grants administration and will bring that experience to this project.

The NKADD believes strongly in the redevelopment and revitalization of our urban core and this project is key to that commitment. The area to be covered by the grant is the Licking Valley Greenway and is consistent with the Vision 2015 Greenway Master Plan to "further increase economic and recreational utilization of the river corridor in a sustainable manner." In March 2005, a team of nearly 100 civic, business and government leaders launched a community planning effort to develop a strategic plan for Northern Kentucky's future. Vision 2015 was the result.

In addition to Vision 2015, this coalition and application is consistent with the NKADD Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), prepared in conjunction with the United States Economic Development Administration. Specifically, the CEDS says: "there are properties in the region, particularly in the urban counties, that expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of is greatly hampered by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. The assessment and cleanup of these Brownfield sites will open up vital land in the urban core for redevelopment. Funds should be sought to support these assessments and cleanups." The NKADD is designated by the EDA as the Economic Development District for the region.

On behalf of the entire staff of the NKADD, we look forward to working with EPA and our coalition and partner members on this important project.

Respectfully,

John Mays
Executive Director

CAMPBELL COUNTY & MUNICIPAL PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION*

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October 12, 2009

Mr. Don West

Environmental Management Support, Inc.

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RE: Letter of Partnership/Support for the Licking River Community-Wide Brownfield Assessment Grant

Dear Mr. West:

The Campbell County Fiscal Court is very pleased to support the Northern Kentucky Area Development District's application for a one million dollar Community-Wide Brownfield Assessment Grant through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The County is partnering with the City of Covington and the Center for Great Neighborhoods in supporting this important project.

The purpose of this coalition assessment grant is to identify and assess brownfields and plan for the remediation and redevelopment of potentially contaminated sites within the Licking River Greenway Master Plan. The Licking River Greenway is envisioned as a continuous riverfront corridor that encompasses riverfront stabilization and provides a multi-level trail system that connects our partner communities: the Cities of Covington, Newport, Taylor Mill, and Wilder, plus Campbell and Kenton Counties. We need this Brownfield Assessment to help us identify obstacles that otherwise prevent our efforts of redevelopment and return of potential brownfields to productive uses.

We are delighted to be a part of this important environmental and economic initiative in Northern Kentucky. We hope the EPA will look favorably upon this Community-Wide Brownfield Assessment application. This grant will provide a valuable tool to achieve our goals of a healthy and vibrant revitalization of the community through brownfield redevelopment and lead the way for implementation of the Licking River Greenway Master Plan.

If you have any questions on this issue, please feel free to contact me at (859) 292-3880 or at pklear@campbellcountyky.org .

Best regards,

Peter J. Klear, AICP

Director of Planning & Zoning

CITY OF COVINGTON

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October 8, 2009

Mr. Don West
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Re: Letter of Partnership/Support for the City's U.S. EPA Grant Applications

Dear Mr. West:

The City of Covington is very pleased to support the Northern Kentucky Area Development District's (NKADD) application for a one million dollar Community-Wide Brownfields Assessment Grant through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The City is partnering with Campbell County and the Center for Great Neighborhoods located in Covington in supporting this important project.

The purpose of this coalition assessment grant is to identify and assess brownfields and plan for the remediation and redevelopment of potentially contaminated sites. The focus area of the coalition grant is the Licking Ricker Greenway and is consistent with Northern Kentucky's Vision 2015 Greenway Master Plan to increase economic and recreational utilization of the Licking River in a sustainable manner. This assessment grant is our first step in leveraging future funds to obtain this goal.

The City enthusiastically supports this application for brownfields assessment funds for several reasons. The City works directly with several neighborhood associations that abut the Licking River. These resident-led groups have identified the development of the Licking River Greenway as a priority, and are very excited about the walking/bicycling trails and other amenities that will be made possible via its development. In addition, brownfield redevelopment removes blight from our urban neighborhoods. Blighting influences such as vacant lots and abandoned industrial buildings attract trash, graffiti, and crime; reduce property values; discourage homeownership; and otherwise delay neighborhood revitalization. Finally, brownfield redevelopment promotes the reuse of land in the urban core of Covington, bringing additional employment opportunities, tax revenue, and economic vitality to our City.

We are delighted to be a part of this important environmental and economic initiative in the Northern Kentucky. We hope that EPA will look favorably upon this Coalition Brownfield Assessment application. This grant will provide a valuable tool to achieve our goals of a healthy and vibrant revitalization of the community through brownfield redevelopment and lead the way for implementation of the Licking River Greenway Plan.

Please do not hesitant to contact me at lklein@covingtonky.gov or at 859.292.2160 if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Larry Klein
City Manager
City of Covington, Kentucky

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September 25, 2009

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Re: Letter of Partnership/Support for the City's U.S. EPA Grant Applications

Dear Mr. Norman:

The Center for Great Neighborhoods of Covington is a pleased to partner with the City of Covington, the Campbell County Fiscal Court, and the Northern Kentucky Area Development District (NKADD) on application for a one million dollar Brownfields Assessment Grant through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The purpose of this coalition assessment grant is to identify and assess brownfields and plan for the remediation and redevelopment of potentially contaminated sites. The focus area of the coalition grant is the Licking Ricker Greenway and is consistent with Vision 2015's Greenway Master Plan to increase economic and recreational utilization of the Licking River in a sustainable manner. This assessment grant is our first step in obtaining funds for clean-up of identified sites.

As a not-for-profit community development corporation, the Center for Great Neighborhoods of Covington works with neighborhood associations throughout Covington. I will be working with the Coalition and representing the Center on the Partners Committee that will oversee the project. IN this role, I will guide the Center in assisting with public outreach activities in coordination with the Coalition, including facilitating public meetings and roundtable discussions about the program, providing the community with valuable information on the project, helping identify and prioritize properties, and encouraging private property owners to participate in the program.

The Center enthusiastically supports this application for brownfields asssessment funds for several reasons. First, the Center works directly with several neighborhood associations that abut the Licking River. These resident-led groups have identified the development of the Licking River Greenway as a priority, and are very excited about the walking/bicycling trails and other amenities that will be made possible via its development. Moreover, brownfield redevelopment removes blight from our urban neighborhoods. Blighting influences such as vacant lots and abandoned industrial buildings attract trash, graffiti, and crime; reduce property values; discourage homeownership; and otherwise delay neighborhood revitalization. In partnership with the City of Covington and Austinburg Neighborhood Association, the Center has constructed new and rehabilitated existing homes in Covington's Austinburg neighborhood, which abuts the Licking River. Our new homeowners are thrilled about the Licking River Greenway Plan! Finally, brownfield redevelopment promotes the reuse of land in the urban core of Covington, bringing additional employment opportunities, tax revenue, and economic vitality to our city.

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We are delighted to be a part of this important environmental and economic initiative in the Northern Kentucky. We hope that EPA will look favorably upon this Coalition Brownfield Assessment application. This grant will provide a valuable tool to achieve our goals of healthy and vibrant revitalization of brownfields and lead the way for implementation of the Licking River Greenway Plan.

Please do not hesitant to contact me at rachel@greatneighborhoods.org or 859.866.7527 should any questions about the Center's role in this Coalition application arise.

Thank you,

Rachel Hastings
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October 14, 2008

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Dear Mr. Norman:

The City of Newport regularly collaborates with the three Northern Kentucky entities applying for a Brownfield's Assessment Grant through the US EPA. We welcome this grant as a new possibility to enhance our current partnerships.

Newport is a community rich in history, culture and industry. Founded in 1795, Newport's riverfront area provides a striking view of the Cincinnati skyline and has become home to a number of premier attractions including the Newport Aquarium, Newport on the Levee and the nearby World Peace Bell. Newport is also home to the East Row Historic District and a revitalized, historic downtown filled with eclectic businesses.

However, like many Northern Kentucky communities, there are still many legacies left behind from the area's historic manufacturing days. As a result, abandoned properties are scattered throughout the region. Newport recognizes the community need for redevelopment efforts in order to improve the City's economy and strengthen its neighborhoods, and is taking a proactive approach to eradicating blight and reinvesting in business. Additionally, we support this application and encourage our neighbors throughout the region to proactively development and implement successful Brownfield programs.

Please contact me at 859-292-3666 should you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Thomas Fromme
City Manager

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Dear Mr. Norman:

Gateway Community and Technical College (Gateway) fully supports the grant application for a Brownfield's Assessment Grant through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency submitted by a coalition of three local entities: the City of Covington, the Campbell County Fiscal Court, and the Northern Kentucky Area Development District (NKADD). Gateway recognizes the important purpose of the assessment grant to inventory, characterize, assess and conduct cleanup and redevelopment planning on any potential contaminant sites in the Licking Valley Greenway. This project is aligned with the region's Vision 2015 Greenway Master Plan to "further increase economic and recreational utilization of the river corridor in a sustainable manner."

Gateway's mission is to provide high quality, affordable, accessible, and inclusive postsecondary education and training resulting in a positive contribution to the economic vitality of the region and enhanced quality of life for all citizens. The college specifically provides the following: certificate, diploma, associate degree and transfer programs; developmental, adult, and continuing education; workforce and customized training; and support services for the enhancement of student learning and success. To increase access to residents of the urban core, Gateway is planning a new urban campus in the heart of downtown Covington located near these potential sites.

As a full partner in this project, Gateway plans to support grant activities in the following ways: 1) serve on the Partners Implementation Committee to provide timely feedback and input on grant-related efforts; and 2) provide the opportunity for faculty to incorporate learning activities to expose students to hands-on experiences related to their coursework. Dr. Yohanes Honu will represent Gateway on the Partners Implementation Committee. Both of these actions are aligned with Gateway's strategic priorities related to strengthening economic vitality and partnerships and maximizing learner success.

To fulfill our extensive mission, Gateway places a high value on strong community partnerships, which is exemplified in this collaborative project. The college is pleased to be an active partner with this important initiative and please feel free to contact me with any questions concerning our participation.

Sincerely,

Dr. G. Edward Hughes
President and CEO

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KENTUCKY COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY
COVINGTON, KY

September 22, 2009

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Dear Mr. Norman:

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I write supporting the efforts of the City of Covington, the Campbell County Fiscal Court and the Northern Kentucky Area Development District's efforts to secure funding for a Brownfield's Assessment Grant. The Assessment funds will facilitate the inventorying, characterization, assessment and cleanup of sites in the Licking Valley Greenway. The Licking River is adjacent to the one of the Housing Authority's family sites, Jacob Price Homes. This site is currently undergoing a phased redevelopment and is the focus of a HOPE VI Grant that will be submitted in November of this year.

The Conceptual Development Plan calls for new construction on the Jacob Price site and the renovation of off-site parcels. A major focus of the plan is utilizing the Licking River Greenway as a recreational amenity and a creative solution to storm water retention.

Concepts for on-site development include the following:

- Lynn Street is extended through the Jacob Price site. This reflects what is reported to be the original street pattern of the neighborhood prior to the construction of Jacob Price Homes, and will thereby "reconnect" the site with the neighborhood
- The site plan includes some 12,000 square feet of open space designated as "green infrastructure". These are sites that will be specially designed to provide enhanced storm water infiltration
- The plan presently includes 8 senior cottages, 77 two-story townhouse units, and 12 live-work units located on Greenup Street. The live-work units will provide the opportunity for a reasonable amount of neighborhood-serving commercial uses (9,600 sf +/-), and potential economic opportunities for residents to develop new businesses. The architectural style of the residences will be compatible with the character of adjacent residential buildings.

Concepts for off-site development include the following:

- Development of a trail system along the Licking River – with "trail-head" access at extended street ends at Ninth Street, 10th Street, Robbins, and 11th Street. Shared