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Mr. David Beach, Chairperson
NRAC District 1
323 Lakeside Avenue, Suite 400
Cuyahoga County Planning Commission
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

Dear Mr. Beach,

I am writing to offer Earth Day Coalition's support for the Cleveland Rowing Foundation's efforts in applying for the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund Grant. Their proposal to restore a former industrial site into a Rowing Facility on the banks of the Cuyahoga is an excellent project. I'm particularly pleased with their desire to utilize green building techniques and restore the lot with native plants in a park-like setting. This will help to improve both the recreational opportunities for Cleveland rowers and also contribute to improvements in the health of the Cuyahoga River.

As a lifelong boater in Cleveland, I recognize that to truly appreciate our lake and river you need to have a connection to it. This facility will allow for such public access and help foster an environmental ethic among those who use the rowing club. With a critical mass of projects dedicated to water recreation on our river and lakefront, Cleveland will be able to realize it's incredible potential as a "Green City on a Blue Lake."

In a recent boat cruise with our Mayor along the lakefront and up the Cuyahoga, I was able to view first-hand the proposed location for this facility. I was impressed at the great number of boaters, fisherman and rowers that I saw along our trip. It speaks to the re-birth of our city and it's vital connection with the waterfront.

I am pleased to offer the support of Earth Day Coalition on this great project.

Sincerely

[Handwritten signature of Scott Sanders]

Scott Sanders

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