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Mr. David Beach, Chair
Cuyahoga County Natural Resource Assistance Council
323 Lakeside Ave., Suite 400
Cleveland, OH 44113

Dear Mr. Beach,

I am writing to offer my support for the Cleveland Rowing Foundation's efforts in applying for the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund Grant for the Rivergate Project. Cleveland Rowing Foundation (CRF) has been a strong steward of the Cuyahoga River in the City of Cleveland for the past 20 years.

The Cuyahoga River winds through the City of Cleveland, yet this largely industrial waterway has limited green space and little public access. CRF's vision for the land at the former Commodore Club site in Cleveland offers a unique opportunity to take this private property and convert it to a more open public space with increased access to the Cuyahoga River.

The land on the site will be restored from its current industrial state with impervious surfaces and little to no vegetation, to an open park-like setting with native plants in natural areas, which will improve water quality and bring more native species to the area.

I am pleased to offer my support to the Cleveland Rowing Foundation on this initiative.

Sincerely,

Joe Cimperman
Councilman, Ward 13