



**Western Reserve Rowing Association**

1948 Carter Road  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

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To Whom It May Concern,

The Western Reserve Rowing Association (WRRA) was founded in 1988 as a way for adults to come downtown and experience the city in a different, fun & recreational way – rowing on the Cuyahoga River. Since that time, close to 10,000 adults have come through the WRRA’s boathouse doors; all experiencing the joys of rowing on the Cuyahoga River, and seeing the city from a very unique perspective.

But the WRRA was not just passing along the experience of rowing on the Cuyahoga, it was also creating amongst these members and participants a unique understanding of the habitat of the Cuyahoga, and how we all can be stewards in keeping the river a clean and healthy ecosystem.

To that end, WRRA has consistently been steadfast in our commitment to maintaining and beautifying not just our boathouse area, but the whole downtown river basin, through such activities as participating in the yearly “River Sweep” in the spring, educating and creating awareness of the river throughout the year, and providing many hours of volunteer service throughout the community.

As such, it is with great pride that we offer our full support, resources and reputation in backing the Cleveland Rowing Foundation’s grant request for the purchase of the Commodore Club property. The acquisition of this property will open up many more opportunities for the Cleveland rowing community to advance the cause of the great Cuyahoga River, which we hope to all be able to enjoy for many more years to come, both on and off the water.

Sincerely,

The Western Reserve Rowing Association Board of Directors