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The Honorable Michael S. Regan
United States Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W
Washington, DC 20460

RE: United States Environmental Protection Agency - Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) - Lehigh Valley Green Transportation Infrastructure Project

Dear Administrator Regan,

Our council is writing in support of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) Implementation Grant request of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to advance its ambitious green infrastructure transportation project. The project is designed to achieve one of the key goals identified in the recently completed Lehigh Valley Priority Climate Action Plan for Transportation Decarbonization, a prerequisite for this competitive grant program.

The Lehigh Valley Green Transportation Infrastructure project aims to transform major transportation corridors in the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton PA/NJ Metropolitan Statistical Area, including US Route 22 and State Routes 33 and 378, by incorporating native landscaping, nature-based stormwater management, and carbon reduction features. By integrating carbon sequestration into transportation infrastructure, the project aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while promoting biodiversity, improving air and water quality, enhancing transportation safety, and bolstering community well-being. Moreover, it aligns with the health, equity, and environmental justice goals of Justice40 communities, incorporating sustainable design principles and green infrastructure to create a network of green transportation corridors.

In our role as an advisory council to the local government in Allentown, we give this project our full support and encourage you to give it your complete consideration. We appreciate your time and please do not hesitate to reach out to our team with any questions.

Thank you,

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