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August 16, 2001

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Re: 319 Grant Application
Kearsley Creek Water Quality Improvement Plan
Letter of Commitment

We have submitted the above reference grant application to prepare a Water Quality Improvement plan for the Kearsley Creek watershed. As part of this application attached are several letters of support and commitment prepared by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Michigan Department of Agriculture, UM-Flint and most importantly the Saginaw River/Bay Watershed Initiative Network. Along with this support we have outlined several other local groups and agencies who have a sincere interest in the Kearsley Creek and are committed to assist in this project.

Over the past several months, I have met with several of the Townships and Local units of government who have passed resolutions and/or made commitments to my office to provide support for water quality improvement throughout Genesee County.

It is with this support and encouragement that we have submitted this application. In addition, my office and staff is committed to providing the time and resources as outlined in the grant application as part of the local match portion of this project. Along with this commitment, we hereby commit to continue to monitor the watershed and work with the cities, townships and county to prepare improve the water quality of the Kearsley Creek.

Under the guidance of this proposed water quality improvement plan this office will be able to assist all of the stakeholders in both repairing the inadequacies of the Creek and preserving its floodplains and the quality of its waters. This project is the first important step in the process

If you have any questions or require any further information, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Jeff Wright
Genesee County Drain Commissioner



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RE: Kearsley Creek
Baseline Environmental Assessment and Monitoring
319 Grant Application

Jeff:

I understand your proposed project will complete an erosion assessment, physical features assessment, a hydrologic and hydraulic assessment and prepare a water quality and quantity monitoring plan for the Kearsley Creek. I have reviewed your grant application and find that this project will provide much needed information on the Kearsley Creek as it relates to the Saginaw Bay Watershed and the Saginaw River/Bay Watershed Remedial Action Plan (RAP).

In the RAP there is considerable attention to the hydrology and hydraulics and how land use effects this aspect of the Saginaw River. The detailed study information that you propose will help answer questions on a sub-watershed basis and is consistent with the goals of the RAP. Also, information and proposed remediation as it relates to the physical condition of the Kearsley Creek will be an important piece of the Remedial Action Plan.

I look forward to working with you on this project and would offer my assistance in an advisory roll to your project. I commend you on your efforts to proceed with the remedial actions within the Kearsley Creek watershed and throughout Genessee County.

If you have any questions or require any further information, please contact me at 1-989-662-6024.

Sincerely,

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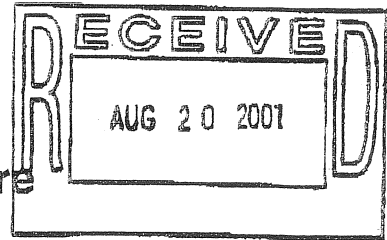
Mike Kelly, Project Coordinator
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RE: Kearsley Creek
Baseline Environmental Assessment and Monitoring
319 Grant Application

Dear Jeff:

I understand your proposed project is designed to determine the existing conditions of the Kearsley Creek and to make recommendations as to how to improve/maintain the Creek, its tributaries and the watershed. The Kearsley Creek is within the Saginaw Bay watershed and is eligible for assistance under the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). I commend you on your efforts and hereby offer our support/commitment to your project as it relates to the program that I administer.

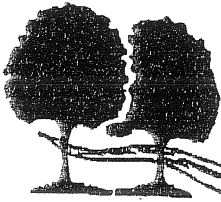
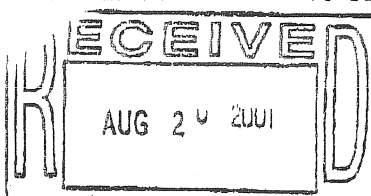
We are prepared to work with you and your landowners to implement the eight CREP practices that we administer, as well as enroll interested landowners in conservation easements. I also offer our assistance in an advisory roll as it relates to your project.

I look forward to working with you in the near future. If you have any questions or require any further information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Stephen Shine
CREP Manager





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RE: Kearsley Creek 319 Grant Proposal

Dear Mr. Wright,

It is the mission of the Flint River Watershed Coalition to enable wise stewardship and improvement of the watershed and promote the appropriate use the waterways through education, research, technical assistance, and coordination. One of our goals is the provide technical assistance to anyone in order to improve the management of the water resources.

The Flint River Watershed Coalition Board of Directors fully supports your grant application to conduct a baseline environmental assessment and monitoring strategy of Kearsley Creek, a tributary of the Flint. We will endeavor to assist the Drain Commission office and Spicer Group, Inc. with any technical or scientific information available from any of our partners as well as serve in an advisory capacity if needed.

I commend your initiative to begin assessment of Kearsley Creek, one of the few cold water tributaries of the Flint. We look forward to working with you on this project. The FRWC will also help disseminate information gathered to residents in the watershed and incorporate any findings into our data bases for future uses.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Gonzales, Vice-Chair
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