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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL OFFICE

June 1, 2010

Mario Leone, Jr., Borough Manager
Borough of Monaca
928 Pennsylvania Avenue
Monaca, PA 15061

Re: EPA Brownfield Pilot Program Grant
Borough of Monaca
Beaver County

Dear Mr. Leone:

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is a leader in supporting brownfield redevelopment efforts within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Working to return environmentally challenged land and buildings to viable community assets adheres to the mission of DEP and the goals of the Department's Land Recycling Program.

DEP supports Monaca Borough's application for a U.S. EPA Brownfield Area-wide Planning Pilot Program grant in the amount of \$175,000. We understand that the funding would be used for continuing efforts to promote Ohio River Corridor-wide revitalization in the form of expanding public access through former industrial areas to the Ohio River for targeted reuse; planning at several identified key brownfields redevelopment areas along the 45+river mile corridor and continuing community education and partnership efforts through extensive public involvement activities.

The Ohio River Corridor is a critical regional asset that encompasses 19 municipalities, two Pennsylvania counties and part of the State of Ohio. Revitalization of this regional asset will benefit **tens of thousands** of people, promote economic redevelopment up and down the riverfront and improve the environment through watershed and rivershed enhancements as well as the cleanup of old industrial sites. The incorporation of innovative stormwater management systems throughout the corridor is just one of the many efforts to include a high level of "green" and sustainability into the overall project.

Monaca Borough represents one of many communities along the Ohio River Trail Corridor that have experienced significant economic losses due to the decline of the steel and manufacturing industries. Through their partnership they are encouraging targeted redevelopment of brownfields along the Ohio River Trail Corridor in order to proactively meet the local and regional desire to: improve public health; remove blight; attract private investment; address environmental issues such as water and habitat quality; and ensure regional connectivity in the form of public access, to and along the Ohio River.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 412.442.4156.

Sincerely,

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