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Dr. Vincent Troia, Executive Chairman
Ohio River Trail Council
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue
Monaca, PA 15061

Re: 2012 TCSP Grant Application
Coraopolis Borough

Dear Dr. Troia:

Town Center is very pleased to have the opportunity to collaborate with the Ohio River Trail Council (ORTC) in this important grant application for design services relative to the 2012 Transportation, Community, and System Preservation Program (TCSP).

Our firm provides comprehensive support services, under Allegheny County Economic Development (ACED) for its Allegheny Together Program, an economic development initiative for selected traditional downtown-based communities in Allegheny County. Coraopolis is one of the communities participating in this program. Town Center also provides a parallel system of support for 10 Beaver County commercial districts (The Beaver County Main Street Network).

Because of the nature of our work in these two Western Pennsylvania counties, we find that the regional developmental goals of ORTC blend perfectly with the revitalization efforts in the communities we represent, and nowhere is this more evident than in Coraopolis Borough. The project envisioned in the TCSP application being submitted on behalf of Coraopolis will not only greatly facilitate the revitalization of the core business district in that community, but will have direct and immediate impact on residents in Sewickley Borough and Moon Township as well.

The trail project in Coraopolis has quite dynamic implications. Coraopolis is situated at the extreme southern end of the Ohio River Trail, and at the same time represents the first traditional business district that will connect with the already developed Montour Trail. Coraopolis will be the "missing link" between these two wonderful trail systems, able to provide the kinds of services much-needed by cycling and recreational enthusiasts.

The energetic efforts of you (and your ORTC volunteers) have truly been inspirational to the members of the Coraopolis Business District Advisory Committee, and to the entire staff at Town Center Associates as well. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance as your very worthy project moves forward.

Sincerely

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