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RE: Proposed Park Development of Parker Road West
Fort Gratiot Charter Township, St. Clair County, Michigan

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners, I am writing to express my strong support for the park improvements at Parker Road West as Fort Gratiot seeks grants and appropriation funding to help move the project forward.

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We are honored to lend our support to this exciting and valuable project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey L. Bohm
Chairperson
St. Clair County Board of Commissioners



March 7, 2023

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Fort Gratiot Charter Township, St. Clair County, Michigan

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As the Director of Business and Community Development, I am writing to voice my support for the park improvements at Parker Road West as Fort Gratiot seeks grants and appropriation funding to help move the project forward.

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

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March 7, 2023

Re: Proposed Park Development of Parker Road West
Fort Gratiot Charter Township, Michigan

To Whom it May Concern,

As the President and Chief Executive Officer at McLaren Port Huron, I am writing to voice my support for the improvements at Parker Road West Park. These improvements will enhance the quality of life in the Township for residents and visitors alike.

This proposal supports our organization's mission to improve the health of our community through enhanced recreation opportunities. It also aids us in our efforts to attract talent to the region – as the region's largest employer, it's important that we can demonstrate to our prospective (and current) employees that this is a healthy and vibrant community to be part of.

The proposal includes six pickleball courts, site amenities such as picnic tables, benches, and a bike rack, a new pavilion, and new parking area. We are pleased the Township is prioritizing sustainability by incorporating recycled plastic materials and installing a rain garden with native plantings, and we're excited that the Township is choosing to focus on accessibility for all users with the design of these park improvements.

The public depends on communities like the Township to provide recreational opportunities to our residents. The Township has shown that they are committed to improve recreation opportunities all residents, regardless of ability. The developments proposed in this grant application will provide the needed improvements for all users of the park.

We are honored to lend our support to this exciting and valuable project.

Thank you for consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric Cecava'.

Eric Cecava
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March 8, 2023

RE: Proposed Park Development of Parker Road West
Fort Gratiot Charter Township, St. Clair County, Michigan

To Whom It May Concern,

The Community Foundation of St. Clair County is pleased to provide a letter of support for the park improvements at Parker Road West as Fort Gratiot seeks grants and appropriation funding to help move the project forward.

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Sincerely,


Randy Maiers
President & CEO



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RE: Proposed Park Development of Parker Road West
Fort Gratiot Charter Township, St. Clair County, Michigan

To Whom it May Concern:

As the Health Officer of St. Clair County Health Department, I am writing to voice my support for the park improvements at Parker Road West as Fort Gratiot seeks grants and appropriation funding to help move the project forward.

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Sincerely,

ST. CLAIR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Elizabeth King, RN, BSN
Health Officer, Director



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March 8, 2023

RE: Proposed Park Development of Parker Road West
Fort Gratiot Charter Township, St. Clair County, Michigan

To Whom it May Concern,

As the Superintendent of Port Huron Schools, I am writing to voice my support for the park improvements at Parker Road West as Fort Gratiot seeks grants and appropriation funding to help move the project forward.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Theo Kerhoulas
Superintendent of Port Huron Schools



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March 10, 2023

RE: Proposed Park Development of Parker Road West
Fort Gratiot Charter Township, St. Clair County, Michigan

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We are proud to collaborate with Fort Gratiot Township to conserve and protect green spaces and recreational spaces that strive to be environmentally sustainable. Improvements at this natural area will boost the economic, recreational and social values of our watershed.

Thank you for taking the time to review this proposal and for your thoughtful consideration.

Yours in service to the environment,

Sheri J. Faust
President, Friends of the St. Clair River

March 7, 2023

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Sincerely,



Lisa M. Beedon
St. Clair County Commissioner
District 3

March 6, 2023

RE: Proposed Park Development of Parker Road West
Fort Gratiot Charter Township, St. Clair County, Michigan

To Whom it May Concern,

As the President & CEO of the YMCA of the Blue Water Area, I am writing to voice my support for the park improvements at Parker Road West as Fort Gratiot seeks grants and appropriation funding to help move the project forward.

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Joshua Chapman

President & CEO

YMCA of the Blue Water Area

March 6, 2023

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As the Director of Nursing at Lake Huron Medical Center, I am writing to voice my support for the park improvements at Parker Road West as Fort Gratiot seeks grants and appropriation funding to help move the project forward.

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Sincerely,

Katie Cox

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