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Village of Bolivar Council Members
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Re: Countywide Landfill Community Benefit Fund

Dear Council Members:

As you know, pursuant to the resolution of the State's case against Countywide Landfill, an additional \$3 million has been added to the Countywide Community Benefit Fund (fund). As I mentioned at the community update meeting in October, I have been contemplating the best way to utilize the fund in order to achieve the maximum benefit for the affected communities.

After reviewing how the previous community benefit funds were distributed, I have decided to utilize an alternative fund distribution process: to ask you, as the local elected officials who represent the affected constituents, to make project recommendations to me. As representatives of the affected communities, you know the needs of the citizens and the area much better than I do. Therefore, I propose to create a Project Consideration and Screening Committee (PCSC) consisting of the following elected officials:

- 1 Commissioner from the Tuscarawas County Commissioners, who will represent the views of the Tuscarawas County Commissioners;
- 1 Commissioner from the Stark County Commissioners, who will represent the views of the Stark County Commissioners;
- 1 Trustee from the Pike Township Trustees, who will represent the views of the Pike Township Trustees;
- 1 Trustee from the Lawrence Township Trustees, who will represent the views of the Lawrence Township Trustees;
- The Mayor of the City of Bolivar, who will represent the views of the City of Bolivar; and
- 1 Council Member from the Bolivar City Council, who will represent the views of the Bolivar City Council.

I would propose that the PCSC undertake the tasks of soliciting project ideas from the respective constituents, reviewing, discussing, and evaluating project ideas, and making

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funding recommendations to me. My hope would be that the PCSC would make **consensus** project recommendations for my review, consideration and approval.

As you know, the intent of the fund is to provide financial support to projects, organizations, initiatives, etc., that will promote the welfare of the affected communities as a whole and benefit the greatest number of people in the area surrounding the landfill. I will give considerable deference to the PCSC's recommendations, but please note that I am unwilling to authorize expenditures for the following purposes:

- Funds may not be distributed to any parties for the purposes of commencing, pursuing, or supporting (either directly or indirectly) any type of legal proceeding;
- Funds may not be distributed to any party as compensation for harm or alleged harm of any sort which the party attributes to the landfill;
- Funds may not be distributed to private individuals or groups of individuals; and
- Funding may not be distributed to the Stark, Tuscarawas, Wayne Solid Waste Management District.

Please let me know whether you desire to participate on the PCSC in the manner described above, and, if so, please provide the name of the representative who will serve on the PCSC by April 8, 2010. I hope to have the PCSC "up and running" as quickly as possible, thus allowing for project reviews and awards to be made in the summer of 2010.

I thank you very much for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Korleski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and "K".

Chris Korleski
Director