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Joe Dufficy
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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77 West Jackson Boulevard
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Dear Mr. Dufficy:

The City of Evanston, Illinois (City) is requesting Site-Specific Brownfield Assessment Grant (Grant) assistance from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a Brownfield site, located at 2310 Oakton Avenue in Evanston, Illinois (Site). The Site is owned by the City and currently operated as the City's animal shelter by the City and the Community Animal Rescue Effort Friends of the Evanston Animal Shelter, Inc. (C.A.R.E.), an Illinois not-for-profit corporation.

The City is seeking funding or other direct assistance from the EPA to perform an environmental assessment that meets 40 CFR Part 312 and the related American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) standards to determine whether there are any environmental impacts on the Site and, if applicable, the areas, nature and concentrations of such contamination.

It is the City's intention to use the results of an environmental assessment for several purposes. First, the City will use that information to decide whether to proceed with a currently planned \$1 million animal shelter expansion project with C.A.R.E., which will better serve the needs of the community and further support the humane care, sheltering, and adoption of the animals brought to the animal shelter. Specifically, the City and C.A.R.E. will only proceed with their planned animal shelter expansion project if the environmental conditions discovered during the environmental assessment of the Site, if any, do not make the project economically infeasible. Furthermore, if the expansion project goes forward, the environmental assessment results will be used to ensure that environmental conditions discovered during the environmental assessment of the Site, if any, are fully considered and appropriately addressed as part of the overall construction project.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please feel free to contact David Cook, the Superintendent of Facilities Management, who will be serving as the Grant Recipient Project Manager for the City. Mr. Cook can be reached at (847) 866-2916 or dfcook@cityofevanston.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elke Tober-Purze', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Elke Tober-Purze
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City of Evanston – Law Department

cc: Steven J. Murawski, Baker & McKenzie LLP
Deborah Orr, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5