

VILLAGE OF LANSING

Patricia L. Eidam
Mayor



Office of the Village Administrator

Dan Podgorski
Village Administrator

April 13, 2022

RE: Town of Munster RAISE Grant Application

To whom it may concern,

My name is Dan Podgorski and I am the current Village Administrator for the Village of Lansing, Illinois.

I am writing today in support of the Town of Munster's 2022 RAISE Grant application. Munster is our immediate neighbor to the east and we share both Ridge Road and the Pennsy Greenway Trail as significant thoroughfares through our respective communities. The Village of Lansing and the Town of Munster have long enjoyed a close and collegial relationship, even though we are on opposite sides of the state line.

In 2008, our community made the choice to de-emphasize motorized transportation along Ridge Road by reengineering it to be a complete street. We found that this to be a worthwhile investment for the Village of Lansing. Our small businesses flourished while at the same time reducing traffic accidents and improving the environment for pedestrians and other non-motorized transportation.

We are very pleased to see our neighbors making a similar choice to prioritize active transportation and reinvestment in their legacy commercial corridor.

Our residents will be well served by the pedestrian and bike friendly connections between our communities – especially with the on-going construction of the West Lake Corridor that will come on-line in 2025.

Please do consider awarding grant funding to the Town of Munster's Ridge Road Complete Street Project.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dan Podgorski', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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