



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

April 14, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write to you today to ask for your support of the York County Economic Alliance (YCEA) application for a **Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)** Grant in the amount of \$15 million from the United States Department of Transportation to advance the Codorus Greenway Project.

The Codorus Creek runs through the heart of historic York, Pennsylvania, a former capital of the United States. The creek provided drinking water and powered the water wheels that propelled York County to prosperity as a manufacturing center in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. In 1907, the York Municipal League commissioned the famed landscape architect Frederick Law Olmstead to plan a park along the banks of the Codorus Creek. Over a hundred years later, the Codorus Greenway Project seeks to once again capitalize on the area's economic, recreational, and transportation potential.

The benefits of this project are transformative for the City of York, York County, and the region beyond. The project will reconnect historically marginalized communities to economic opportunities and provide an accessible and equitable multimodal transportation option for those without cars to better access jobs, services, and recreation. Additionally, the Codorus Greenway Project will connect to regional active transportation and trail networks, including the Heritage Rail Trail, September 11<sup>th</sup> National Memorial Trail, and East Coast Greenway.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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TOM WOLF  
Governor

ROBERT P. CASEY, JR.  
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 13, 2022

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Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I write in support of the application submitted by the York County Economic Alliance (YCEA) to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) funding for the Codorus Greenway Project. I urge you to give this application full and fair consideration.

It is my understanding that the \$15 million Codorus Greenway Project will reconnect historically marginalized communities to economic opportunities and will provide an accessible and equitable multimodal transportation choice for those without cars to better access jobs, services and recreation. Additionally, the project will connect to regional active transportation and trail networks, including the Heritage Rail Trail, the September 11th National Memorial Trail and East Coast Greenway. I am told this project will be transformative for the City of York, York County and the entire South Central Pennsylvania region.

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Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration. Please include this letter in the official record of the application. Consistent with all applicable laws, rules and regulations, I also respectfully request that you keep me informed of the status of this grant application. Finally, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me or my staff at (202) 224-6851.

Sincerely,

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Robert P. Casey, Jr.  
United States Senator

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Thank you for your consideration of RACY's application.

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Carol Hill-Evans  
State Representative  
95<sup>th</sup> Legislative District



April 8, 2022

Office of Infrastructure Finance and Innovation  
Office of the Secretary of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE  
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Dear Grant Administrator:

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Cindy Adams Dunn  
Secretary



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Members of York City Council:

  
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Michael R. Helfrich, Mayor  
City of York, PA



Advancement Office

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Jeff Vermeulen  
Assistant Vice President for External Relations  
York College of Pennsylvania



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Richard Farr  
Executive Director



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Jonathan Desmarais  
Director  
Downtown Inc



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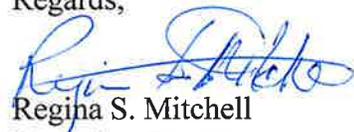
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Thank you for your consideration of RACY's application.

Regards,



Regina S. Mitchell  
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Julie Wheeler  
President Commissioner

April 14, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary, Buttigieg.

At the heart of the City of York sits the Codorus Creek. The creek provided drinking water and powered the water wheels that propelled York County to prosperity as a manufacturing center in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. In 1907, the York Municipal League commissioned the famed landscape architect Frederick Law Olmstead to plan a park along the banks of the Codorus Creek. Over a hundred years later, the dream of revitalizing the Codorus Creek remains top of mind. I write to you today to ask for your support of the York County Economic Alliance's (YCEA) application for a **Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity** (RAISE) Grant in the amount of \$15 million from the United States Department of Transportation to advance the Codorus Greenway Project.

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Thank you for your consideration of YCEA's application.

Yours in service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Julie Wheeler, President Commissioner