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Lisa Jackson  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20460

Re: Urban Waters Federal Partnership

Dear Administrator Jackson,

I am writing in support of the request submitted by Mayor George Heartwell from Grand Rapids, Michigan to have the Grand River Rapids Restoration Project considered as an applicant for a designation from the Urban Waters Federal Partnership.

The Rapids Restoration Project is a critical part of the City's Master Plan that was developed through a collaborative community effort called *Green Grand Rapids*. Their vision is to restore and revitalize this important natural resource by recreating its namesake rapids and developing the riverfront. This will improve the river's ecosystem, enhance water quality, connect underserved communities to downtown, spur economic development and increase access to recreational opportunities.

I am impressed by the commitment of the Grand Rapids community to restoring the Grand River and improving quality of life. I hope you will give this project strong consideration as you designate new pilot locations.

Sincerely,



Debbie Stabenow  
United States Senator