

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

September 12, 2011

The Honorable Raymond H. LaHood
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Mullet Township Tiger III Grant Application

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my support for the U.S. Department of Transportation's Tiger III Grant request submitted by the Topinabee Development Association on behalf of Mullet Township (Cheboygan County, Michigan). This grant will be used to implement a streetscape and green corridor plan. The Mullet Township Board, Cheboygan County Commissioners, and numerous other public and private entities have issued resolutions and letters of support for the initiative.

This vital project will improve the economic and environmental assets of the community, as well as help protect the ecology of Mullet Lake. The Green Corridor/Streetscape Improvement Plan will include the installation of curbs and gutters which will filter the flow of run-off into Mullet Lake. Additionally, infrastructure improvements will be made to a targeted section on M-27 that runs through the heart of the Village of Topinabee.

The foresight, dedication and innovation of the members of Topinabee Development Association and Mullet Lake Township officials are to be commended. The community raised more than \$10,000 in order to commission a conceptual plan for the Green Corridor Project. However, grant funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation is critical to the implementation of this project.

To date, grants from your program have had a positive impact in communities across Michigan's First District. If Mullet Township's request is approved, the award would truly benefit all those who call Cheboygan County home.

I strongly urge the U.S. Department of Transportation to approve Mullet Township's grant application. Thank you for your consideration and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Dan Benishek M.D.
Member of Congress
Michigan First District

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