

# OCEANA COUNTY ECONOMIC ALLIANCE

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To create a diverse economic environment by strengthening talent, leveraging resources, and supporting the retention, expansion, attraction, and creation of Oceana County businesses.

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Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy  
Environmental Justice Public Advocate  
P.O. Box 30473  
Lansing, MI 48909

Subject: Letter of Support for Michigan Environmental Justice Impact Grants

Dear Environmental Justice Public Advocate,

On behalf of Oceana County Economic Alliance, I am writing to express our enthusiastic support for the application submitted by the City of Hart Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA), for the Michigan Environmental Justice Impact Grants to demolish three blighted buildings located at 3 E Main Street in Hart, MI to prepare for a new mixed-use development.

As the non-profit economic development organization for Oceana County, this project aligns with our efforts to promote more housing development, developing downtown areas, and supports the leadership of the City of Hart to create a thriving community in our county seat.

The revitalization of blighted properties is crucial for the economic and environmental health of our community. These buildings have long been neglected, posing safety hazards and detracting from the aesthetic appeal of our downtown area. By securing funding to demolish these structures, City of Hart TIFA will not only enhance the physical landscape but also pave the way for sustainable development that aligns with our community's growth goals.

Furthermore, this project aligns with environmental justice by addressing the inequities that blighted properties can perpetuate in underserved neighborhoods. The demolition and subsequent development will create opportunities for job creation, improve property values, and contribute to a safer and more attractive environment for residents and visitors alike.

We commend City of Hart TIFA for their proactive approach to community development and their commitment to environmental stewardship. Their comprehensive plan for 3 E Main Street promises to transform a blighted area into a vibrant hub that supports local businesses, provides much-needed housing options, and enhances the overall quality of life in Hart, MI.

We urge you to award City of Hart TIFA's application for the Michigan Environmental Justice Impact Grants. This investment will not only benefit our immediate community but also serve as a model for equitable and sustainable development practices across the state.

Please feel free to contact me at [burdettec@rightplace.org](mailto:burdettec@rightplace.org) if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

*Curtis R. Burdette*

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July 1, 2024

Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy  
Environmental Justice Public Advocate  
P.O. Box 30473  
Lansing, MI 48909

Subject: Support for Michigan Environmental Justice Impact Grants Application

Dear Environmental Justice Public Advocate,

I am writing to express my full support for the City of Hart Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA)'s application for Michigan Environmental Justice Impact Grants. Their proposal to demolish three blighted buildings at 3 E Main Street in Hart, MI, as part of a new mixed-use development initiative is crucial for our community's growth.

Revitalizing these neglected properties will enhance our downtown's appeal and safety, addressing environmental justice by improving neighborhood quality. This project will create jobs, boost property values, and create a more attractive environment for residents and visitors alike.

I commend the City of Hart TIFA's commitment to community revitalization and environmental stewardship. Their plan for 3 E Main Street promises to transform a blighted area into a vibrant hub that supports local businesses and improves housing options.

I urge you to give favorable consideration to their grant application, as it will significantly benefit our community and set a positive example for sustainable development statewide.

Please feel free to contact me at Cell: 805-705-5846 or Email: [lcavazos5939@charter.net](mailto:lcavazos5939@charter.net) if you need further information.

Sincerely,



Lynne Cavazos

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