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Kent Weiss  
Housing and Neighborhood Services Manager  
City of Corvallis  
501 SW Madison Avenue  
Corvallis, OR 97333

Dear Mr. Weiss:

The League of Women Voters of Corvallis supports the Corvallis Area Brownfield Coalition's efforts to obtain U.S. EPA Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment Grant funding. We understand the funding will be used to support the inventory/prioritization, assessment, and cleanup/reuse planning of brownfield sites in Corvallis, Albany, Monroe, Philomath and Benton County.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. It works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Since the 1960s, the League has acted from a position that supports promotion of an environment beneficial to life. League supports the preservation of the integrity of the ecosystem with maximum protection of public health.

In our community, we have held numerous public education programs on land use planning, energy conservation, climate change, air and water quality, affordable housing and transportation alternatives. Much of League's work involves monitoring the activities of City government, and supporting local policies and ordinances that promote complete, healthy and diverse communities where people can live, work, shop, and play.

If the Coalition is successful in securing EPA grant funding, League volunteers will

- Participate in the community outreach meeting hosted in support of the 2018 Grant application and attend advisory committee meetings.
- Assist with selection and prioritization of sites.
- Distribute project information to our members.
- Help with outreach in the community by organizing and/or supporting informational and educational events by providing volunteer staff.

An average of at least three volunteer hours per month is a very conservative estimate of the time that League members could contribute to this project.

The League of Women Voters of Corvallis looks forward to the chance to participate in this effort along with other community organizations. We wish you luck in securing a U.S. EPA Brownfields Community-wide Assessment Grant.

Sincerely,

*Laura Lahm Evenson*

President