



May 26, 2010

The Honorable David Hamill
City of Ranson
312 S. Mildred Street
Ranson, WV 25438

RE: Support for Brownfield Area-Wide Planning Pilot Program

Dear Mayor Hamill:

This letter is to inform you the Eastern Panhandle Regional Planning and Development Council-Region 9 is in support of the City of Ranson on the above referenced application.

Funding from the United States Environmental Protection Agency will help further the revitalization of vacant factories and the surrounding dilapidated buildings thus improving economic development in the Ranson-Charles Town urban core. Two EPA Brownfield Assessment grants have been received to date which were successfully used to redevelop single sites scattered throughout the core. Additional funding will allow the City to expand this planning to the entire area. The City of Ranson has shown tremendous leadership in tackling this long-standing problem and additional funding will enable the City to continue its dedicated efforts in this area.

The Regional Council commends the City on its efforts in community development and downtown revitalization and strongly encourages the US EPA to give every consideration to this application and grant the requested funding for this project.

Sincerely,

Carol Crabtree
Executive Director

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