

May 28, 2010

A. David Hamill, Mayor  
City of Ranson  
312 S. Mildred St  
Ranson, WV 25438

**RE: Support for Brownfield Area-Wide Planning Pilot Program**

Dear Mayor Hamill,

On behalf of The Arcland Group, LLC, ("Arcland") a commercial real estate development company, I am pleased to offer unwavering support for Ranson's efforts to secure a grant from the Brownfield Area-wide Planning Pilot Program. As you know, Arcland is an active developer of multiple Brownfield projects in Ranson/Charles Town. Past Brownfield Assessment grant funding received by the city has helped stimulate our investment in these projects. Additional EPA funding via the Brownfield Area-Wide Planning Pilot Program will ensure that we continue on this track record of successfully revitalizing core components of the downtowns.

I am impressed with Ranson's continuing commitment to a long range vision for redeveloping its core through creative collaboration with the private sector. Specifically, the opportunities that Brownfield redevelopment projects offer in terms of public investment "priming the pump" for future private investment is the exact kind of creativity that is needed, especially to enable successful projects in the current economic environment.

Removing blighted reminders of industries of yesterday, while making the community safe for its citizens and actively attracting private sector investment are the prime roles of government in bettering a community through economic development. Ranson is a leader in this regard, not only in West Virginia, but at the national level for a community of its size as demonstrated by its participation in national and international community development/redevelopment conferences.

Should Ranson be fortunate to participate in the Brownfield Area-Wide Planning Pilot Program, we will look forward to playing a role in the continue redevelopment of the City.

Sincerely,  
The Arcland Group, LLC

Noah Mehrkam  
Partner