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Subject: Manitowoc Confined Disposal Unit (CDF) Habitat Enhancement Project:

This letter is on behalf of the City of Manitowoc Common Council to express our full support of the Habitat Enhancement Project undertaken and funded by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, whose purpose is to establish a habitat to encourage migrating birds and to discourage gulls at the Manitowoc Confined Disposal Unit (CDF).

The group proposes creating this habitat enhancement at the CDF, located adjacent to the Manitowoc Marina in an area under the ownership and jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The operational goal is to enhance habitat for migratory birds and waterfowl, eradicate invasive plants and to discourage the nesting of gulls.

The project represents valuable work that I am sure will be very beneficial to the Manitowoc community. Partners in the project include: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Woodland Dunes, Friends of the Manitowoc River Watershed and Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership, Inc. The City is very appreciate of the group's efforts and will provide some of the needed resources to support this work.

We strongly support the project.

Sincerely,

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Mayor, City of Manitowoc