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RE: Village of Milan – Great Urban Parks Campaign Grant Application

Dear NRPA Review Committee,

This letter is to demonstrate our support for the Village of Milan's NRPA grant application to improve Mirabal Park. Our school sees great value in improving this recreational facility. We see this facility benefitting residents from the Village of Milan, City of Grants, as well as Cibola and McKinley Counties.

Our school, Milan Elementary, currently enrolls 475 students ranging from grades Pre-K to 6th. Due to the recent construction of our school, we are unable to provide adequate outdoor recreational facilities for our student. The improvements to Mirabal Park will directly benefit the students of our school due to proximity of the school to the park. Our school sits directly across the street from the park and various students utilize the park. By providing a safe and environmentally facility where youth can participate in physical activities including but not limited to: Baseball and softball, basketball and volleyball, outdoor running, and other activities that can take place on a facility this size and a facility with the amenities proposed, the Milan Elementary sees this project as a necessary element to village's overall quality of life.

This facility will provide:

- New habitat for wildlife often forgotten about;
- Flood mitigation for residents;
- A positive safe place to play for our youth. It will be an outlet for physical activity;
- An amenity for local youth organizations to host events and competitions
- Revitalization to the core of the village, and

- The opportunity to increase outdoor activities within our course curriculum.

Milan Elementary believes that the various partners at the table highlights the community's commitment to engagement, prosperity, environmental quality, and overall better quality of life for all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Clara Dearmond". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Clara Dearmond, Principal