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RE: Mirabal Park, Milan, NM Application

Great Urban Parks Campaign, Green Stormwater Infrastructure Projects in Parks Program

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

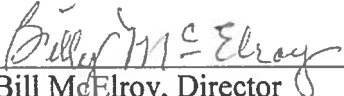
This joint letter of support is highlight that the Village of Milan agencies are working together to improve Mirabal Park for the betterment of our entire community and region. Mirabal Park is and will be owned and maintained by the Village of Milan. Our Departments work well to support the overall quality-of-life in our Village. Mirabal Park is the heartbeat of our community and is central to building physical and human resiliency.

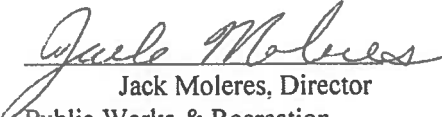
The park improvements were vetted and prioritized with the community through an in-depth engagement process. These improvements will allow the Village of Milan to continue to benefit the 500 plus students at Milan Elementary. The softball field will be reconstructed to cover the underlying basalt that is predominate in the region. To limit the amount of basalt removal required to construct the detention pond, the landscape is designed to accommodate a minimal amount of soil cover. Surrounding the softball field, shade structures and picnic areas will be installed for use by visitors. The two playground areas are planned for age groups between 2 – 5 years old and 5 – 12 years old. This area is close to the seating area of the softball field to allow families flexibility in supervising their children with multiple activities taking place. Paving will be limited to this area to allow the pond as much area as possible for the infiltration of water after rain events. The playground areas are raised above the line of the 10-year storm event to allow the area to remain undisturbed during the smaller seasonal storms. In case of a 100-year storm, the entire park will be completely submerged to hold the required runoff volume modeled from the contributing basin area.

The project will greatly improve the environmental quality of the Village as storm water will be detained, filtered and reused to support the park amenities as well as the newly created habitat for various biological species. The park will be accessible to the public and the improvements to the park will greatly increase equity and community engagement of area residents. The Village of Milan anticipates the park to be utilized by organizational groups, schools, and residents from surrounding communities in both Cibola and McKinley Counties.

The Village of Milan plans to continue current recreational offerings as wells as expand our portfolio of uses to provide a holistic and universal park that can be accessible and enjoyed by all. on hosting various community events at the park once completed. While our agencies are

ultimately responsible for maintenance and programming at Mirabal Park, we will look to and involve the citizenry in helping to sustain, police, enhance, and better the Park. We stand ready to get this project done for the betterment of our community and region. Sincerely,


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