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National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA)  
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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 letter showcases my support for this application, as well as, our entire community, region, and all Village of Milan departments. Our community is very excited for this opportunity as it seems timely and a perfect fit for the community planning we have completed to improve Mirabal Park. Mirabal Park is at the center of the fabric of our Village and holds together our collective culture, heritage, and the keys to our future.

In terms of readiness, we have done essential planning and design both at a community and regional level including:

- Completed and implemented a Comprehensive Plan and Southside Infrastructure Master Plan, of which, we have completed all but this priority project over the last 15 years;
- Worked with regional partners and the Army Corps of Engineers to complete an award-winning Regional Drainage Master Plan and a localized Mirabal Park drainage analysis;
- Worked through an intensive community engagement process, rooted in creative placemaking approach, to develop the Phase II park improvements and programming elements with our partners, including the Milan Elementary School and recreation partners.
- Funded and completed a full design plan set for both Phase I and Phase II of the project;
- Secured \$708,000 for Phase I construction through a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grant and NM Capital Outlay funding.

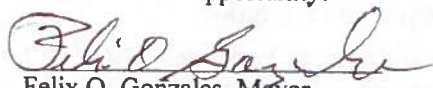
Our plan to improve Mirabal Park is two-fold, including:

Phase I: Transforms the existing municipal park into a green stormwater detention pond to help protect property and the safety of the surrounding residents, accommodating a 100-year storm events. The design includes an outfall structure to allow the street storm water drain system to discharge into a smaller pond that is below the overall park elevation. This 234 cubic yard water quality pond will utilize vegetation to help filter the nuisance water that will remain following rain events while the water percolates below grade.

Phase II: Consists of the construction of the recreational components of the park. This will include a softball field, multi-age playground areas, a basketball court and shade structures.

The goal of the project is to update and improve the existing recreational facilities of the aging park and to provide a flood control facility to enhance flood protection for the surround area. While our Village is small in terms of direct beneficiaries, we are a regional hub for about 100,000 people that depend on our services, including retail, health, recreation, and as an employment center. Finally, we stand ready to provide any plans, documents, or information that you may need in your decision-making process.

Thanks for the opportunity!

  
Felix O. Gonzales, Mayor  
Village of Milan