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Mr. Aaron Lawlor Health and Community Services Committee Chair Lake County Planning, Building Department 18 North County Street, 6th Floor Waukegan, IL 60085

Re: Lake County Brownfield Grant Extension Request

Dear Mr. Lawlor:

As you are aware, the Village of Lake Zurich received approval for \$100,000 of grant funding through the Lake County Community Block Development Grant Brownfield Assistance Program in 2009. The Village requested an extension in August of 2010 due to additional soil borings and lab work needed to better define the limits of the remediation. Since the extension approval, the Village began remediation in the fall of 2010 and our contractor completed their portion of the work in March 2011. The Village completed our in kind services for the backfilling and restoration in May, 2011.

Unfortunately, prior to paying the contractor his second payment in March, their company filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy and all payments were court ordered to be frozen. Through their court proceedings, the Chapter 11 bankruptcy was denied and the company went into receivership. The Village and our attorney have been working with the Contractor and the receivership to resolve the final payments to the Contractor and their subcontractors. Although we are now getting very close to a resolution, it is doubtful that we will have this all taken care of by our September 21, 2011 grant deadline. Therefore the Village is requesting a three month extension for the submittal of final paperwork and reimbursement.

Please note the Village is not asking for an extension of the work to be completed but only for the reimbursement and final paperwork. The entire site has been remediated. The Village of Lake Zurich received the NFR from the IEPA in August of 2011 and the NFR has been recorded with the Lake County Recorder's Office.

Based on our calculations the final cost of the project will exceed \$200,000. Therefore, the Village will exceed our 50 percent match and will be requesting the full \$100,000 grant amount in our final reimbursement request.

The Village of Lake Zurich would like to reiterate our gratitude to Lake County for the funding that is made available through this program. In times where all municipal finances are being stretched to the limit, the funding assistance of this program is of great help to get these areas clean, redeveloped, and back onto the tax rolls. Should you have any questions or require additional information please do not hesitate to contact me at 847-540-1696.

Sincerely,

David Heyden

Public Works Director/Village Engineer

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cc: Bob Vitas, Village Administrator

Suzanne Branding, Village President