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IN REPLY REFER TO:  
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April 7, 2023

Mayor Daniel R Schneider Jr  
Village of Peninsula  
Re: Wastewater Management Project Progress

Dear Mayor Schneider,

I am writing you today regarding the status of the installation of a centralized sanitary sewer system within the Village of Peninsula. Park staff have been engaged in this initiative for some time and we are gratified to see the progress toward addressing this issue. As the recipients of unregulated wastewater flows via the Cuyahoga River, Cuyahoga Valley National Park is a unique stakeholder in this project. We have appreciated the collaboration with the Village, Summit County and Ohio EPA to restore the health of the river and its environment.

Recently, we received a copy of the letter from Ohio EPA to Summit County Executive Shapiro endorsing the plan as laid out by Summit County. In consideration of this endorsement and the updated feasibility study prepared by the Environmental Design Group (EDG), we are confident this project will succeed in meeting the needs of the Village, the Park, and the Valley we all cherish.

Regarding the placement of the plant itself, the park has carefully considered the alternatives described in the EDG study. We concur that the preferred alternative (alternative 1) is the best site of those considered. We are aware of the concern of some citizens that this site would impair the character of the area and potentially preclude the development of a trailhead at some future date. While we acknowledge these concerns, the park has no plans to develop such a trailhead at this time. The Park's draft Community Access Plan shows the area (A-P North) designated as a "Sensitive Resources Zone." As such, further development of public trails within the zone is discouraged. Additionally, any such future development would only be done in partnership with Village as the holder of the right-of-way and adjacent landowner.

We very much look forward to working with all parties in accomplishing this long-sought goal. Park staff are available to collaborate on needed easements, rights-of-way, and other aspects of feasibility. Please feel free to contact this office at any time should you have any need for more information or clarification.

Sincerely,

Lisa Petit  
Superintendent

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