November 18, 2015

Lt. Colonel Michael L. Sellers, District Commander
Detroit District
US Army Corps of Engineers
477 Michigan Avenue
Detroit, MI 48226

Re: Boardman River Dams Restoration Project

Dear Lt. Colonel Sellers:

Grand Traverse County is aware that this letter constitutes an expression of intent and not a contractual obligation. In submitting this letter, Grand Traverse County is not pledging funds to the project at this time. Grand Traverse County concurs with the Detailed Project Report and Environmental Assessment as prepared by the Detroit District, US Army Corps of Engineers regarding ecosystem restoration at Boardman, Sabin and Union Street dams on the Boardman River. The County supports implementing the project, including dam removal and associated river restoration at Boardman and Sabin Dams, and modifications at Union Street Dam. The County understands that the US Army Corps of Engineers and the US Environmental Protection Agency are offering significant federal support for dam removal and associated restoration at Boardman Dam with the expectation that the owners, we, the County, and the City of Traverse City, are committed to completing the entire project as described.

Grand Traverse County appreciates the efforts of the Detroit District during the Feasibility Phase, and we are committed to follow through to complete the project. We look forward to a continued strong partnership as we work together to complete the design and construct the project.

Please note that the designated points of contact for this project are Nate Winkler of the Conservation Resource Alliance (nate@rivercare.org) and Tom Menzel (tmenzel@granditraverse.org) of Grand Traverse County.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Christine Maxbauer, Chairperson
Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners