October 27, 2015

The Honorable Christine Maxbauer
Chairwoman of the Grand Traverse County
Board of Commissioners
400 Boardman Avenue
Traverse City, MI 49684

The Honorable Al Pedwaydon
Chairman of the Grand Traverse Band of
Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Tribal
Council
2605 West Bay Shore Drive
Suttons Bay, MI 49682

Dear Chairwoman Maxbauer and Chairman Pedwaydon:

Subject: Boardman River Dams Deconstruction Project Letter of Intent

The City Commission, at its October 26, 2015, Special Meeting, took action authorizing us to
send you this letter on behalf of the City of Traverse City. The purpose of this letter is to affirm
the City of Traverse City’s intent to complete the important Boardman River Dams
Deconstruction Project, which will restore the Boardman River Ecosystem.

First, thank you for meeting in joint session with the City Commission on October 7, 2015, to
discuss the Boardman River Dam Deconstruction Project. We appreciate the partnership and
collaboration between our organizations to move this project forward.

On September 20, 2010, the City Commission adopted a resolution articulating the City’s
commitment, through a coordinated process, to secure the funding support from other sources in
addition to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, to achieve the shared goals for a coordinated
process to pursue the removal of the Sabin, Boardman and Brown Bridge dams and to modify
the Union Street Dam.

To date, we have completed the removal of the Brown Bridge Dam; 90% of the design for
Boardman Dam removal, and 30% of the design for Sabin Dam Removal. Collectively, over
$13.2 million in grants have been invested in this project which will restore the Boardman River
Ecosystem.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (E.P.A.) has offered an $8 million grant for
this important project, provided $2.2 million in funds are allocated from non-federal sources.
Approximately $525,000 in non-federal sourced funds are needed for the City-owned Union
Street Dam modification. The City understands the grant from the E.P.A. is contingent upon the
project owners providing a letter of intent to complete this important project.
The City of Traverse City fully intends to complete this project and work with our partners through regular, open communication and cooperative efforts to ensure the completion of this important endeavor that will benefit our region for generations to come. We ask that you join us in affirming your organization’s intent to complete this project with us.

Sincerely,

Michael Estes
Mayor

Martin A. Colburn
City Manager

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copy: Frank Dituri, Boardman River Dams & Restoration Implementation Team Chairman
      Tom Menzel, Grand Traverse County Administrator
      Dean Bott, Grand Traverse County Deputy Administrator
      Benjamin Marentette, City Clerk