



CITY OF ISHPEMING, MICHIGAN

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To: Whom it May concern

I am writing in support of the Partridge Creek Farm's (PCF) grant proposal. The City of Ishpeming Administration supports the well-thought out and community-minded goals of the PCF, as articulated in their grant application.

The City of Ishpeming is an historic mining community of about 6,500 people. This community has been through good times and bad times. The community is currently suffering from many circumstances beyond local control, especially the "boom and bust" economy of resource extraction. Ishpeming never fully recovered from the technological revolution that reduced mining local jobs from several thousand to less than 1,000 jobs over the last few decades. In addition to those challenges, Ishpeming has experienced the general decline in rural America due to demographic and sociological factors such as aging, urbanization, wealth concentration, and high medical costs. The result is a community struggling to sustain a reasonable standard of living and children at risk of poverty and hunger.

Fortunately, this community has many exceptionally skilled and great-hearted people, like the people who have volunteered to serve on the PCF Board. The PCF Board is both visionary and practical in its approach to solving big problems via the application of personal energy, innovative thinking, modern technology, and effective teamwork.

Please consider funding the PCF grant application. PCF will exceed your expectations and provide a substantial return on the investment.

Thank you for your favorable consideration of this recommendation.

Sincerely,

Mark Slown
City Manager



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