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Ohio River Trail Council

"Joining communities through fitness, recreation, heritage and transportation networks"

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Julie Brusaw
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Dear Ms Brusaw,

The Ohio River Trail Council (ORTC) is interested in joining forces with Solar Roadways, www.solarroadways.com, in building the first solar bike path along the Ohio River Greenway Trail. Part of the trail corridor utilizes Duquesne Light Company right of way. The Duquesne Light Company is a leader in the transmission and distribution of electric energy in southwestern Pennsylvania. One section that is a candidate for this proposal is a one-mile segment located in Moon Township, Pa adjacent to a substation that presents as an excellent opportunity to build a solar bike path and parking lot/trailhead utilizing your solar technology. In addition, many other opportunities exist among the numerous brownfields that the greenway traverses. The Ohio River Trail Council would like to team up with you to obtain funding in order to implement this vision.

Furthermore, please keep in mind that Eaton Corporation, www.eaton.com, is a local power management company that provides energy-efficient solutions to manage electrical, hydraulic and mechanical power more efficiently, safely and sustainably. Eaton has two solar installations underway in western Pennsylvania, and has recently completed a third to power its own facilities and provide an opportunity for research. Construction has begun on a 1.3-megawatt solar array adjacent to Eaton's 500,000-square-foot plant in Vanport Township in Beaver County, Pa. The project, which will be the largest in western Pennsylvania, will incorporate more than 10,000 solar panels. Eaton's solar inverters and the heavy-duty circuit breakers are manufactured close to the Ohio River Trail corridor. A much smaller, 250-kilowatt rooftop installation is being built atop Eaton's Moon Township, Pa building, headquarters for the company's electrical group.

The Ohio River Trail Council located in Monaca, Pa who is one of the founding municipal members of the council recently achieved Gold Certification in the Sustainable Community Essentials Certification program. The Ohio River Trail Council is an organization committed to excellence, with a clear vision and a passion for delivering outstanding results. Our members are volunteers who donate their time and talents. Their personal participation in our endeavors creates a sense of ownership and promotes civic pride. Engaging our citizens and collaborating with like-minded individuals in the critical issues is a central focus of the Ohio River Trail Council. We ask you to join us to capitalize on our strengths and help us improve public health, attract investment, address environmental issues, and ensure community connectivity in public access. The result is a higher quality of life, a healthier environment and more livable communities. The Ohio River Trail Council cordially invites you to partner with of our organization in making the Ohio River Trail a reality.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Vincent Troia

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