



## CITY OF SAINT PAUL

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Environmental Protection Agency  
Re: Local Food, Local Places  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington DC 20460

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the City of Saint Paul, I am writing to support the Dayton's Bluff Community Council's proposal to the EPA for the Local Food, Local Places technical assistance grant. This grant will be used to fund on-going efforts to create a sustainable and equitable local food economy by aligning community resources in ways that create economic growth and invest in the betterment of the East Side of Saint Paul. At its core, the focus of the application is on a healthy, local food economy that is inclusive and community-driven.

Dayton's Bluff Community Council is an organization with which we have partnered for many year around building and preserving affordable housing, engaging young people in out-of-school time activities, promoting small business development and constructing a regional transit network. We have found the results of our partnership with this organization to be transparent, results-driven, and dedicated to enhancing livability for all East Side residents.

Through this letter, we acknowledge specific roles and responsibilities we will fulfill in this partnership. In the event this proposal is funded, we would expect our role in the East Side Local Food Incubator to include:

- Aligning the City's economic development resources in support of the Incubator as well as the individual businesses involved;
- Making critical infrastructure investments in transportation, transit and place-making in the East Side community; and
- Incorporating the insights and challenges identified through the process into the City's general planning and policy development.

Dayton's Bluff Community Council will take responsibility for leading the East Side Local Food Incubator's demonstration project to develop and sustain a local food economy that is culturally appropriate, community driven, and geographically focused on the East Side.

We look forward to working with you in our community to boost economic opportunities for local farmers and businesses, improve access to healthy local food, promote childhood wellness and create a walkable, healthy, economically vibrant neighborhood on Saint Paul's East Side.

Sincerely,

Christopher B. Coleman  
Mayor