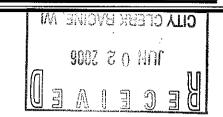
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MAYOR GARY BECKER City of Racine 730 Washington Ave Racine, WI 53403

CITY OF RACINE COMMON COUNCIL 730 Washington Ave Racine, WI 53403

IN RE: Exercise of Condemnation by Village of Mt. Pleasant within City of Racine municipal boundaries for Pike River Phase IV

Dear Mayor Becker and Members of the Racine Common Council:

For many years the Village of Mt. Pleasant has been undertaking a significant improvement of the Pike River. This multi-million dollar project was initially conceived to better convey storm water in and through certain areas of the Village of Mt. Pleasant (then the Town), the City of Racine and the County of Racine. Although our original intent when we began the project was fairly straightforward, i.e. to improve storm water conveyance, the DNR became involved in our Ch. 30 Permit application process. Ultimately we broadened the scope of the project to include making the Pike River a far more biologically diverse resource.

At this point in Phase IV of the process we must begin by condemning land described in the Resolution - certain boundaries of which are located in the City of Racine. Our process has been very uniform from the beginning of the project in that we commenced condemnation efforts, obtained appraisals, and negotiated a sales price of any necessary land to improve our aim of property rechanneling the Pike River. We commenced this process to ensure uniformity for the grant process in line with State and Federal mandates.

We have prepared a Resolution asking simply that the City of Racine authorize the Village of Mt. Pleasant to use condemnation pursuant to Ch. 32.05 Wis. Stats. Assuming that this meets with your approval kindly execute the Resolution according to the normal course. Kindly return it to the undersigned such that we may begin the process. If you need any further explanation or information, we would be happy to provide that to Dan Wright or any staff member of your designation.

We request that you place this matter on as an agenda item and consider this resolution in due course.

With best regards, I am

Michael Andreasen,

Village of Mt. Pleasant Administrator

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