

01/18/22

Iowa Economic Development Authority
Attn: Nick Sorensen
1963 Bell Ave., Ste. 200
Des Moines, IA 50315

RE: Letter of Support for Bloomfield Downtown Housing Grant Application

Mr. Sorensen:

The Area 15 Regional Planning Commission is very supportive of the City of Bloomfield's application to the IEDA Downtown Housing Grant program for the Hill Block Project. As you may know, the RPC has been a partner in Bloomfield community development activities for well over a decade. Our organization has engaged in the planning, development, and implementation of a variety of projects throughout the Bloomfield community from water/sewer infrastructure improvements to downtown revitalization efforts to trails and library expansion.

The RPC worked with the City as a pilot to IEDA's CDBG-DTR program in 2009, assisted with upper-story housing development through IEDA's disaster recovery housing program in 2014, and helped secure CAT grant funding to rehabilitate and expand the Bloomfield Library in 2016. We are particularly excited to see continued investment in the Hill Block building cluster as our organization recently assisted the City, Bloomfield Main Street, and property owners with their Main Street Iowa Challenge Grant application. The City of Bloomfield has been working for many years to acquire and stabilize these buildings so that they could be sold to a private developer to rehabilitate these key structures on the Bloomfield Square. We are thrilled to see the incremental progress occurring that promises to make the Hill Block a showpiece of the Main Street Approach toward property rehabilitation.

Sincerely,



Bradley J. Grefe
Senior Planner



September 9, 2021

Memo To: Mr. Justin Hill
From: Butch and Lois Priester
Re: Access

Dear Justin,

As the owners of the property at 110-111 S. Madison in Bloomfield, Iowa, we want to lend our support to your renovation of 112-114 S. Madison. We are glad that you decided to use SHPO and apply for tax credits. We are 100% in support of your project and believe that it will continue the beautiful renovation of the west side of the Bloomfield Square.

In addition, even though the stair between our two buildings is on our property, we are happy to give you an easement for their use. We do have a renter who accesses his apartment at the top of these stairs, so we would appreciate if these stairs were kept as clean as possible during the renovation and afterwards.

All be best for your great success in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Butch Priester
Lois Abel-Priester
Butch Priester and Lois Abel-Priester