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The Honorable Anthony Foxx  
Secretary  
Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, DC 20590

**RE: FY2014 TIGER Discretionary Grant  
Lower Hill Urban Redevelopment Infrastructure Project**

Dear Secretary Foxx,

3 Rivers Wet Weather (3RWW) would like to express our support for The Sports & Exhibition Authority (SEA) of the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County (SEA) for their Urban Redevelopment Infrastructure Project in the Lower Hill area of Pittsburgh. The SEA is requesting TIGER VI funds for both a capital grant and a planning grant.

Of particular interest to 3RWW and aligning with our mission to reduce sewer overflows and improve water quality, are the sustainable stormwater management features that have been incorporated into this project, including stormwater planters, permeable paving, rain gardens, green roofs and other stormwater retention methods.

The site is in a very central and visible location, and as such, this makes it a showcase demonstration project that can serve as a model for future development in downtown Pittsburgh. In addition, the Energy Innovation Center is located adjacent to the project site, and it is being renovated to also incorporate many innovative features to manage stormwater and conserve energy. Therefore, this would make the Lower Hill District a destination for learning about environmental sustainability projects for residents and visitors of Pittsburgh.

3RWW served as an active participant in the Advisory Group for Sustainable Development for Water for the Lower Hill site in 2011-2012. Therefore, we are extremely pleased to see that SEA is now seeking funding to implement the good work that was done to develop the best sustainable stormwater solutions for this site. I hope that you see the merit in this project and fund them to the greatest extent feasible.

Sincerely yours,

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John W. Schombert  
Executive Director



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