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RE: Support of the NOAA Coastal Zone Management Project of Special Merit Competition - FY2022 entitled "Developing a Sustainable and Resilient Remediation Strategy within the CBR4 Project Area."

Dear Mr. Robert W. Scarborough,

The South Wilmington Planning Network (SWPN) is excited to support the Delaware Coastal Management Program's proposal for the NOAA Coastal Zone Management Project of Special Merit Competition - FY 2022 entitled "Developing a Sustainable and Resilient Remediation Strategy within the CBR4 Project Area."

The South Wilmington Planning Network (SWPN) is a collaborative partnership of Southbridge residents and government, nonprofit and private agencies. Our work is to serve as a vehicle for information-sharing and the leveraging of resources on collaborative projects to improve the community's quality of life. Improving environmental health through equitable neighborhood revitalization sits at the core of our mission.

The results of this project will help strengthen neighborhood resiliency in the context of climate change. As outlined in the recently completed Southbridge Neighborhood Action Plan, this is important as the community faces massive environmental challenges left by South Wilmington's industrial legacy. This project addresses these challenges by emphasizing work with disproportionately affected populations, like Southbridge, that are surrounded by brownfields and other industrial sites. This project also has a broader potential to benefit similar communities disproportionately impacted by environmental hazards.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at SouthWilmingtonPlanningNetwork@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Britt Salen

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