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Honorable Ronald G. Rios, Freeholder Director
County of Middlesex Board of Chosen Freeholders
John F. Kennedy Square
75 Bayard Street
New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Re: 2018 Edison Multi-Site Public Park Revitalization Project

Honorable Freeholder Director Rios:

It has come to my attention that the Township of Edison has created a viable, detailed proposal for a dollar to dollar, reimbursable, matching grant of \$350,000.00 from the Middlesex County Open Space, Recreation and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund under the Municipal Recreation Grant Program for the 2018 Edison Multi-Site Public Park Revitalization Project.

Since their original development over 20 years ago, the 15 parks identified in the proposal - Beatrice Parkway Park, Blossom Park, Edison Woods Park, Gateway Park, Old Post Park, Polansky Park, Stephen J. Capestro Park, Bernard J. Dwyer Park, Dudash Park, Idlewild Park, North Edison Park, Schenkmeier Park, Shamrock Park and Swales Park - have provided countless opportunities for free, outdoor recreation, exercise, sports and socialization activities to an estimated 25,000 residents and visitors annually.

Despite continued maintenance and repairs by the Edison Department of Public Works, inevitable wear and tear has occurred due to sustained use and outdoor exposure, necessitating repair, replacement and renovation to ensure continuation of their free and safe use by the public, as well as compliance with the current New Jersey Playground Safety Subcode and ADA.

Please accept this Letter of Support for the 2018 Edison Multi-Site Public Park Revitalization Project and its application to the Middlesex County Open Space, Recreation and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund under the Municipal Recreation Grant Program for \$350,000.00 to help realize this important green, sustainable, open space project.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and please feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance in any way.

Sincerely,


FRANK PALLONE, JR.
Member of Congress