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To Whom It May Concern:

The Charter Township of Bangor is very excited to hear of Rivers Edge's option and efforts to market the former water treatment building located at 488 State Park Drive. Bangor Township is writing in support of Rivers Edge's efforts and the redevelopment of this important structure.

The redevelopment of this property will go a long way to increase tourism in the Township. It will also spur community revitalization and economic investment in a key section of the Township.

The Bay City State Park and Saginaw Bay are key assets to the area. The proposed improvements to development along the water and on nearby land holdings will be instrumental to the future success of Bangor Township's economy, fully utilizing its potential in the tourism industry.

As much as the Township would love to see the building repurposed to preserve its historic character, we are more concerned with its ability to attract people. Based upon our informal polling of residents, we feel the use should be family friendly destination and compliment the waterfront.

The most popular ideas from our Facebook poll were restaurant/brewery and/or waterpark hotel. We are in favor of a project that would compliment our goal to increase tourism and waterfront development. We understand it is a large structure and would support a mix of uses. We are not interested in the site being only condominiums or an industrial use. The community would support a variety of food and beverage manufacturing, such as a brewery or distillery.

The Township fully supports the redevelopment of this key structure. To assist, we are willing to deploy tools that include, but are not limited to, Brownfield Tax capture, Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act (OPRA), tax abatements, liquor license applications and zoning variances (including height) to maximize the potential of this property.

The Charter Township of Bangor is very motivated to see the former water treatment building transformed into the destination attraction we believe it is capable of. We feel it has the potential to become an improved asset to our community by evolving into a new destination area, creating new jobs, increasing surrounding property values and improving its contribution to the Township's tax base.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn Rowley", is written over a horizontal line.

Glenn Rowley  
Bangor Township Supervisor