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Glenn A. Powers
Director of Planning

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Dear Community Stakeholder,

St. Louis County, Missouri, was awarded funds through the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG).

The EECBG program has served as a significant catalyst to advance the County's commitment to sustainability. The County utilized this opportunity to craft an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy (EECS), which is a component of the Green and Growing sustainability framework. The EECS illustrates the community's long-term plan for reducing energy use, decreasing emissions and creating jobs within the community.

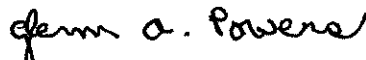
The St. Louis County Green and Growing Initiative created 10 Sustainability Goals. Encouraging sustainable land use and development was one of the 10 goals.

The St. Louis County Department of Planning has hired Clarion Associates, L.L.C. out of Denver to help us review and update our zoning and subdivision codes to encourage more sustainable and energy efficient land development. Clarion has reviewed our zoning and subdivision ordinances and written a diagnosis report (attached document) that includes the current regulations, the potential barriers posed by those regulations, possible incentives to encourage sustainability, recommendations to fill regulatory gaps and examples of what other communities have done.

The County is in the process of choosing 8-10 priority issues that we would like Clarion to focus in rewriting our zoning and subdivision codes. We would like your feedback in that process. As you read the diagnosis report, please remember that the County's main goal is to identify changes to our ordinances that increase energy efficiency and sustainability. Our objective is to lessen our carbon footprint and provide options and flexibility to the development community that didn't exist prior to the revisions.

Please send your feedback to Jen Samson at jsamson@stlouisco.com by November 16th. I would like to thank you in advance for being a part of an important process, not only for St. Louis County, but for the region.

Sincerely,



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