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Dear Ms. Kaput,

Attached please find a brief description of the City of Evanston's Climate Action Plan and development process, which we are submitting for consideration of the Great Lakes and St Lawrence Cities Initiative Wege Small Cities Sustainability Best Practices Award.

The City of Evanston's Climate Action Plan and development process is a great example of a meaningful project that addresses environmental sustainability issues in a Great Lakes community. The process undertaken is widely replicable for smaller communities facing constraints in funding and resources. When implemented, the resulting plan will benefit all residents of Evanston by saving taxpayer dollars, building upon the local economy and creating jobs, improving air quality and public health and contributing to greater community livability.

If selected for the Wege Small Cities Sustainability Best Practices Award, the City will use the \$5,000.00 grant award to further the implementation of the following Evanston Climate Action Plan strategies:

- Reduce amount of water used by 15% below 2000 water consumption levels by 2015; and
- Implement policies and practices that treat rainwater as a resource and make use of it where it falls.

The \$5,000 will be used to fund a rain barrel program for Evanston residents. The program will provide education and training on how and why to use rain barrels along with rebates towards the purchase of rain barrels.

If you have any questions regarding our application, please contact me at ccollopy@cityofevanston.org or 847-448-8069.

Sincerely,

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