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RE: Letter of Support – A Sense of Place Initiative

It is with great enthusiasm that I offer this letter of support on behalf of the *A Sense of Place* Initiative. Lexington's Division of Parks and Recreation is fortunate to serve as a community partner to this initiative and its' many stakeholders. Particularly, the Cadentown Rosenwald School campus, which include the former church sanctuary building and cemetery grounds, is now in active phases of site assessment and redevelopment project planning.

As part of *A Sense of Place*, the Cadentown site is benefitting from the generous financial support of local donors from across the community. In addition, local government is a funding partner. Indeed, these resources will allow for well-deserving reinvestment in this historic community, while also building momentum for similar redevelopment opportunities in other rural hamlets throughout the county. An example of this collective and broader focus is LFUCG's recent funding appropriation for road infrastructure improvements in Maddoxtown.

Without hesitation, I encourage and endorse the grant proposal submitted by the *A Sense of Place* initiative. I salute the leadership and volunteer service of the *A Sense of Place* steering committee, and appreciate its' thoughtful approach to stakeholder engagement and community building. Furthermore, I have full confidence that the requested grant funding will be reinvested impactfully for the purposes of remembering and celebrating the history of Fayette County's rural black hamlets.

Thanks for your consideration, and please feel free to advise if I can provide additional information.



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