



## Caribou Riverfront Renaissance Committee

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Ms. Penny Thompson  
City Manager  
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Subject: Caribou Diesel Power Plant and Outbuildings site remediation/reuse

Re: Letter of Commitment for the EPA TY2023 Brownfields Cleanup Grant

Manager Thompson,

The Caribou Riverfront Renaissance Committee (CRRC) is excited to be working with the City of Caribou (City) on the REUSE phase of the Caribou Diesel Power Plant and Outbuildings site remediation project.

The Caribou Diesel Power Plant is central to Caribou's Aroostook River Development District, and the CRRC Riverfront Renaissance Master Plan will incorporate this site into our reuse and development strategy. The CRRC will continue to seek funding for amenities for this site such as green space, gazebo, benches, and plantings; making this area a destination feature along our multi use trail system, taking full advantage of the impoundment created by the hydroelectric dam, Caribou's only lake feature, for access to the Aroostook River itself and for related recreational opportunities. These reuse measures are contingent upon a clean and safe property resulting from the remediation activities identified in the EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant project.

The CRRC has petitioned the Maine Northern Railroad through the Maine Department of Transportation Commissioner Bruce A. Van Note to seat a committee to study the reuse potential for the unused railroad right of way adjacent to the diesel plant site with the goal of linking this area to Caribou's interconnected trail system. The CRRC also welcomes the Atlantic Salmon for Northern Maine fish rearing facility and is in support of this effort on the neighboring property.

CRRC has been successful in securing funding for our Master Plan which will be integral with the City of Caribou's Comprehensive Plan. CRRC is an official committee of the City of Caribou that meets monthly and enjoys support from the Caribou City Council with representation from a Council Liaison.

We look forward to working with the City on the Caribou Diesel Power Plant and Outbuildings site remediation and reuse initiative.

Sincerely,

Mark C. Draper  
Chair, Caribou Riverfront Renaissance Committee