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The Honorable Shayla Adams-Stafford
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Re: Request for Support – Project Charge Funding for the Town of Cottage City

Dear Councilmember Shayla Adams-Stafford:

On behalf of the Town of Cottage City, I respectfully request your support in securing Project Charge funding through the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) Department of Parks and Recreation to support youth programming, community recreation initiatives, and neighborhood beautification projects within the Town.

Cottage City is a vibrant and engaged community within the Port Towns area of Prince George's County. As our community continues to grow, the need for expanded youth programming, community engagement activities, and investments in public spaces has become increasingly important. These initiatives play a critical role in strengthening neighborhoods, providing positive opportunities for youth, and improving the overall quality of life for residents.

To support these efforts, the Town respectfully requests the following Project Charge allocations:

Youth and Community Programming Project Charges in the requested amount of \$175,000.00. These funds will support expanded youth development and recreational programming in partnership with local organizations and community partners. Programming will include youth mentorship initiatives, recreational sports and fitness activities, educational enrichment programs, seasonal community events, and youth workforce development opportunities. These programs are designed to provide safe, constructive activities that encourage leadership, healthy lifestyles, and positive community engagement for young residents.

The Town also seeks 300,000.00 in funding to implement comprehensive beautification projects throughout Cottage City. These efforts will include landscape improvements, streetscape enhancements, tree plantings, community garden expansion, gateway improvements, and other

projects that improve public spaces and strengthen neighborhood identity. These investments will enhance the appearance and usability of community spaces while supporting environmental sustainability and civic pride.

These investments will directly benefit residents by enhancing recreational opportunities, strengthening community pride, and improving the appearance and usability of public spaces throughout the Town. The requested funding will allow Cottage City to expand its programming capacity while making long-term improvements that support neighborhood revitalization and community well-being.

We respectfully request your assistance in supporting this funding request and advocating for these initiatives as part of the County's Project Charge funding priorities. Your continued leadership and support for investments in local communities are greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with your office to support the residents of Cottage City.

Sincerely,

Wanda Wheatley
Commissioner, Ward 3
Town of Cottage City

Cc: Cottage City Commission
Town Manager

