

May 14, 2025

Lisa Nocerini, City Manager  
Cathy North, City of Village of Douglas Mayor  
86 W Center St  
Douglas, MI 49406



Dear Cathy and Lisa,

On behalf of ODC Network, I would like to express our gratitude to Douglas for collaborating with us on many community initiatives. We would like to thank Douglas for your interest in partnering with us in the important work to implement a greenway corridor along the Kalamazoo River addressing environmental restoration, recreation, conservation and education.

The Kalamazoo River Greenway plan was completed in 2018 with the goal to bring communities together with a shared interest in environmental stewardship and economic vitality. Douglas established a resolution to endorse the Lower Kalamazoo Greenway Plan on March 16, 2019 to be used as an advisory document guiding public officials on a comprehensive approach to the Kalamazoo River and its tributaries and engage public involvement to determine financial feasibility of any proposed projects.

If Douglas were to establish financial support of the Kalamazoo River Greenway it would be pivotal in the advancement of the plan's goals. We are excited to work on issues of importance to Douglas, including but not limited to:

- Habitat conservation
- Invasive species consultation
- Recreation programming
- Project management
- Grant writing for the KRG Mission
- Inter-park pathway planning/development
- Trail development & review
- EPA Superfund coordination
- Educational programs
- Water trail establishment
- Property acquisition planning
- Community/school collaboration

Our continued partnership with Douglas is very important for our organization and the community. In light of this, **we respectfully request a 2025 financial investment of \$5,000-\$10,000 for the Kalamazoo River Greenway.**

By collaborating with local units of government, corporations, foundations and individuals, we can create a vibrant community for people to live, work, play and learn. Thank you again for your support and leadership in our community. Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Callam'.

Dan Callam, ODC Greenways Manager