Attn: Mason Becker City of Watertown

Re: Request for City Funding to Cover Future Wilbur Road Construction Costs

Dear Mason,

Habitat for Humanity of Waukesha & Jefferson Counties is committed to expanding affordable homeownership opportunities in Watertown, and we appreciate the city's ongoing efforts to support housing initiatives that benefit the community. As we explore the opportunity to develop housing on two vacant parcels #291-0915-3233-033 and #291-0915-3233-041, we are requesting that the City of Watertown assume responsibility for the costs associated with the potential future road extension of Wilbur Road as it adjoins the vacant lots.

Habitat's proposed project does not necessitate the construction of Wilbur Road. However, we understand that the road may be desirable for future developments in the area. Given that the other developer who would benefit from this road is not operating on a specific timeline for their project, it would be a significant financial barrier for Habitat for Humanity or the future Habitat homeowners in our development to bear the cost of construction. Our ability to move forward with the land purchase in the next 60 days and subsequent home construction is contingent upon a commitment that neither Habitat nor the future homebuyers will be responsible for these costs.

Historically, Habitat for Humanity's developments rely on municipal investments and grants to make homeownership possible for low- and moderate-income families. This request aligns with our standard approach to partnerships with local governments, where municipal support ensures that affordable housing projects remain viable and accessible. To be clear, Habitat for Humanity is not requesting or expecting additional city funding beyond this specific ask regarding construction costs related to the adjoining portion of Wilbur Road.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and welcome the opportunity to discuss it further. Our shared goal is to create more affordable housing options for families in Watertown, and we believe this partnership can help make that a reality.

In partnership,

Melissa Songco, CEO

Habitat for Humanity of Waukesha & Jefferson Counties

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