

*Village of Centerburg*  
*"In The Heart of Ohio"*

*Downtown Revitalization Committee*

November 2024

RE: Letter of Support for Centerburg's application for ODOT's TAP funding

The Downtown Revitalization Committee has a goal to continue to promote and cultivate economic vitality and development of the downtown Main Street area through the Village of Centerburg Strategic Plan. This committee is comprised of village residents, business owners, and village officials.

The elements in the TAP application are in line with our Village Strategic Plan which includes improving connectivity of the Heart of Ohio Trail and by constructing a multi-modal path connecting the Ohio to Erie bike trail to the downtown this would greatly benefit our downtown businesses.

One of our other strategies is to provide a safe and mobile community for all so the addition of sidewalks, lighting, ADA-compliant curb ramps, and pedestrian crossing lights will safely allow everyone access to downtown, schools, and parks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra Dove".

Sandra Dove

Downtown Revitalization Chairperson



## Heart of Ohio Business Association

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The Heart of Ohio Business Association in Centerburg is pleased to express its strong support for the Village of Centerburg, Mayor Greg Sands, and the Village Council in their efforts to revitalize Centerburg. As a collective group of small businesses, we are enthusiastic about witnessing the much-needed enhancements that will render our town an attractive destination. We take immense pride in our village and eagerly anticipate the forthcoming growth.

Our community is in dire need of revitalization, and our association has committed to contributing to the costs of dog waste receptacles and light poles for the community. We plan to continue our support in every feasible manner, be it financially or through collaborative efforts with the village. Community leaders and business owners are unanimous in their conviction that this project will bolster our economic growth as we strive to redefine Centerburg and eagerly await the announcement of its success.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kindest Regards,

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Vice President: Christine Meyer

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# HEART OF OHIO TRAIL

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November 2024  
Centerburg, Ohio

To whom it may concern,

This letter expresses our support of the Village of Centerburg's TAP grant on behalf of the Heart of Ohio Trail Friends. The Heart of Ohio Trail is a segment of Ohio to Erie Trail and the Great American Rail Trail, which transverses the State of Ohio and Knox County. There has always been a great deal of cooperation and coordination between the Heart of Ohio Trail Friends and the Village of Centerburg. Currently, a Welcome Center is being planned along the local trail in Centerburg and will provide a gateway into the business area of Centerburg and all of Knox County. A well maintained and vibrant downtown will be a plus in attracting economic development to Centerburg and Knox County.

Thank you for your attention to this letter.

Respectfully,

*Saundra Dove*

Saundra Dove  
President

*Dave Beck*

Dave Beck  
Vice President

*Tom Bilcze*

Tom Bilcze  
Treasurer

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Secretary

November 25, 2024

Teri Wise  
Administrator  
Village of Centerburg  
8 North Clayton St  
Centerburg Ohio 43011

**Re: Letter of Support for Centerburg's application for ODOT's TAP funding**

Dear Administrator Wise,

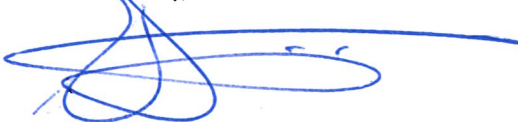
I write as the Vice President of the Area Development Foundation, Inc., Knox County's economic development organization, in strong support of the Village of Centerburg's pending application to the Ohio Department of Transportation for funding under its Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP).

The Area Development Foundation of Knox County is the central clearinghouse of information and resources for economic development activities. From this vantage point, the Foundation took a lead role in recently completing a Village Strategic Plan in collaboration with Centerburg. While the plan covers many areas of importance, the plan's success relies on the strategic implementation of efforts to leverage available funds for significant impact.

We are thrilled to learn the Village is now working to implement the downtown plan by seeking TAP funds. Specifically, we understand the Village's TAP project entails improving sidewalks, curbs, ADA-compliant curb ramps, street lighting, and a multi-modal path connecting the Ohio-to-Erie bike trail to downtown. The Foundation's economic development efforts are aligned wholly with the Village's goal of making Centerburg's downtown corridor an attractive place for area residents, business owners, and visitors.

We stand ready to assist you further in seeking and utilizing TAP funding assistance for this core economic development project. Please contact me if you would like to discuss further; I can be reached via email at [sam@knoxadf.com](mailto:sam@knoxadf.com) or phone at (740) 393-3806.

Sincerely,



Sam Filkins  
Vice President



November 25, 2024

The Hon. Gregory Sands  
Village of Centerburg  
P.O. Box D  
Centerburg, OH 43011

Dear Mayor Sands,


On behalf of the Knox County Foundation, I would like to extend our support of the Village of Centerburg's application for funding for downtown projects through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) within the Ohio Department of Transportation.

The Knox County Foundation Board of Directors implemented a multi-year economic development initiative throughout Knox County, Ohio in 2018. As part of this initiative, the Knox County Foundation, in conjunction with the Area Development Foundation, Inc., and community representatives from each of the villages worked with a planning firm to create custom Strategic Plans for each of the four major villages in the county based on their needs, opportunities, and challenges. Upon completion of the plans in 2019, Knox County Foundation and Area Development Foundation, Inc. began working with the villages implement their individualized plans.

As part of Centerburg's Strategic Plan, priorities were placed on increasing walkability throughout the village as well as better connecting the highly used Heart of Ohio Trail to the village. Improvements to the sidewalks and curbs as well as focusing on making it safer to walk in the village will enhance the entire image of downtown Centerburg to make it a welcoming, attractive place for residents and visitors alike. Centerburg is in a unique position for growth in our county, being within an easy commute to Columbus and the Intel development and having a safe walking route for both current and future residents, as well as visitors, is a necessity.

Knox County Foundation committed funding towards Centerburg to implement their individual strategic plan, which was utilized for projects such as a zoning code rewrite and new downtown streetlights. We are committed to continually assisting the Village of Centerburg implement their strategic plan going forward and know that this grant will help them achieve aspects of their plan. Please feel free to contact me at 740-392-3270 or [lisa@knoxcf.org](mailto:lisa@knoxcf.org) if you would like to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

  
Lisa Lloyd  
Program Director



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