



The Lyons Business and Professional Association wholeheartedly supports the City of Clinton's BUILD application for Manufacturing Drive & Bluff Boulevard (MDBB).

First and foremost, the project perfectly fits the BUILD grant criteria. During a planning session, for every BUILD category, the MDBB project outranked, or tied, other projects because the project provides immediate, short term, and long term opportunities for the growth and development of Clinton.

Secondly, for the Association, the benefits are easily seen. By retaining business levels and growing businesses along MDBB, there are more consumers and residents. By building up housing, there are more consumers and residents with the added benefit of more housing for young professional families. By creating safety for thousands of school children, it brings families to town. The project provides a template for implementation of high speed cable. It also alleviates flooding and improves the environment. MDBB allows for countless other projects to develop along connecting corridors and side roads, i.e. permeable pavers which has transformed the Lyons District.

Finally, the template for why MDBB is perfect for BUILD becomes the template for the successful completion of Veteran's Memorial Drive. We want VMD to be developed to a similar state as MDBB, where for every category you can easily list the partners, the other grant matches, the public/private match, the development impact, the economic impact, the growth of quality of life, the bold and innovative engineering plans, etc... Like with MDBB, the council has started to grow VMD through commitments in the CIP and other means, which we thank the council for.

We are excited to support MDBB because we know it will transform the city and help open up development throughout the city.

Sincerely,

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