



# County Board of Marshall County, Illinois

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Susan Brehm, Regional Director  
US Department of Commerce  
Economic Development Administration Chicago Regional Office  
230 South Dearborn St, Suite 3280  
Chicago, IL 60604

Dear Director, Brehm

I am pleased to express our support for the EDA ARPA Economic Adjustment Application for the City of Lacon, Illinois of North Main Street Reconstruction project.

The City plans to improve, reconstruct, and add other necessary features along North Main Street, from Illinois Route 17 to the northernmost point of the street, are essential to growing and retaining businesses in the City. This street is the only access to the river terminals and businesses located along the City's riverfront. This street's industrial businesses include a grain handling facility, off-loading barge terminal, crane services, and a public bus garage.

Making these improvements would upgrade this street to IDOT truck route standards and increase the safety and longevity of the roadway. In addition, this project would increase the likelihood of additional water commerce in the area.

This project aligns with the EDA's investment priorities plan as it supports business growth, creates job opportunities, and provides long-term sustainability.

Please give this grant request your careful consideration and approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Kroeschen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gary Kroeschen  
Marshall County Board Chairman