



Mike Herro, P.E.
Xcel Energy
215 Commerce Street
La Crosse, WI 54603
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Dear Mike,

June**, 2017

I am contacting you on behalf of the Lower Northside and Depot Neighbors Association. I am also following up on your contact with one of my nearby neighbors, Christopher Flach a few weeks ago. Christopher has a great idea for our neighborhood. It will serve as both a renewable, sustainable resource for residents of the City and also add beautification to an un-used greenspace that is a perfect setting for such a project.

We are seeking permission to develop an existing, vacant Xcel Energy easement into a community garden. The property is located at the corner of St. Andrew and Harvey Streets on the south side of the street as you continue up the street to Red Cloud Park; (A map is attached for your use; the La Crosse tax parcel ID No. is 17-10212). The City of La Crosse is open to this idea and is willing to help too if permission is given.

We know that this will take time as many things do when you are seeking co-operation between a large business corporation, the local municipality and a small neighborhood association, but receiving permission from Xcel Energy is the first step. The property is zoned residential so it would have to be re-zoned to allow the property to be developed as a community garden also.

Our association is hopeful that we will receive Excel Energy's permission. The next step would be to seek the re-zoning approval and then go on to the designing phase of the garden.

We look forward to working with Excel Energy and hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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