



May 21st, 2026

Dear Jared and Members of the Park Board,

On behalf of the River City Youth Hockey Board of Directors, I want to begin by expressing our sincere appreciation for the strength of our partnership with the La Crosse Park Board. The collaboration between our organizations has been essential in preserving and operating Green Island Ice Arena, and we are proud of what we have accomplished together on behalf of the La Crosse community.

Since 2020, that partnership has allowed RCYH not only to sustain the rink, but also to expand its impact. Hockey participation in La Crosse and the surrounding area continues to grow at a meaningful pace. This past season, we welcomed more than 80 skaters at the 8U level and reached over 180 total skaters across the association, the largest membership in our history. We are also seeing a record number of young girls entering the sport, which speaks to the inclusivity, growth, and sustainability of hockey in our region.

Beyond youth hockey, Green Island serves as a true community asset. RCYH supports and provides ice access for sled hockey, figure skating, high school, college, semi-pro, adult hockey, regular public Open Skating, and field trips for La Crosse area schools, ensuring that the facility benefits a wide and diverse population. The rink has become more than a place to play. It is a safe & common gathering hub for families, students, and community members throughout the winter months. The local community has use of the warming room for corporate meetings, social events, and birthday parties.

As part of our continued commitment to maintaining and improving this shared asset, we are moving forward with the acquisition and installation of new dehumidification equipment for the arena. This project represents an investment of approximately \$100,000. The new system will significantly improve ice quality, protect the building structure, and enhance the overall experience for all users of the facility. This investment is especially meaningful to our organization because of the path it took to get here. For years, we have worked diligently to keep the existing dehumidifier operational well beyond its expected lifespan. Through repairs, maintenance, and the dedication of volunteers, we stretched that system as far as possible, not out of convenience, but out of necessity. Our goal was always to ensure that the children of La Crosse could continue to skate in a safe and functional environment while we responsibly built toward a long-term solution.

We are proud to now be in a position where we can make this investment in Green Island. It reflects both the financial stewardship of our organization and our long-term commitment to Green Island Ice Arena and the broader community it serves.

Sincerely,

The RCYH Board of Directors