



## GRAND VALLEY METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

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November 16, 2020

Advance Program  
c/o Rich Damberg  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, C539-01  
109 TW Alexander Drive  
Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

Dear Mr. Damberg:

Grand Valley Metropolitan Council, in coordination with the Lower Grand River Organization of Watersheds (LGROW) and the West Michigan Clean Air Coalition (WMCAC), requests to join the Ozone and PM Advance Program with respect to Kent and Ottawa County. We wish to join this partnership with EPA to preserve and improve the air quality in both counties.


Kent and Ottawa County both currently meet all eligibility requirements for the Ozone and PM Advance programs. Neither county is currently a nonattainment area for ozone or PM. Kent and Ottawa County's air quality is characterized by the following monitors: 26-139-0005 (Jenison), 26-081-0020 (Grand Rapids-Monroe), and 26-081-0022 (Evans). Please note that the Evans site only monitors ozone. Both the Jenison and Grand Rapids site monitor ozone and PM. Existing emissions inventory reporting requirements have been met.

By joining the Advance program, GVMC's goal is to continue to implement and expand upon our current efforts to reduce ground-level ozone and fine particulate matter in Kent and Ottawa County to make a positive difference in our air quality in the near term. The spirit of our Clean Air Action program has been to work with the public and in coordination with stakeholders to develop an education campaign that encourages the public's voluntary participation in reducing emissions. We understand that joining the Ozone and PM Advance program will allow us to further our efforts by potentially:

- Reducing ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub> air pollution, as well as other air pollutants
- Ensuring continued healthy ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub> levels
- Maintaining healthy air quality and the ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS
- Helping avoid violations of the NAAQS that could lead to a future nonattainment designation
- Increasing public awareness about ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub> as air pollutants
- Targeting resources toward actions to address ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub> problems

Thank you for considering this request. If you need additional information, please contact me at (616) 776-7604 or e-mail [john.weiss@gvmc.org](mailto:john.weiss@gvmc.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Weiss". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being more prominent than the last name "Weiss".

John Weiss  
Executive Director  
GVMC