



Chamber of
Commerce



August 8, 2017

Scott Pruitt, Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington DC 20460

RE: Unsustainable Streams & Wetlands Mitigation Costs: Invitation to Visit Northern Kentucky

Dear Mr. Pruitt,

The undersigned represent the development community in Northern Kentucky, comprised of Boone, Campbell and Kenton counties as part of the Cincinnati metropolitan area. This region has grown 22% in the last 20 years, and has a current population of approximately 400,000.

Currently, our region (20% of the Cincinnati metro) is faced with an unsustainable level of cost associated with streams and wetlands mitigation. In your position, you have the ability to influence a workable balance between protection of the environment and adequate future growth and development.

As you tour the United States, we would like to invite you to visit Northern Kentucky to discover the true impacts that the rules and regulations for Waters of the US (WOTUS) has had, and continues to have, on our development community.

Please use this hyperlink to access the white paper entitled **Unsustainable Streams and Wetlands Mitigation Costs in Northern Kentucky**. During your visit, we will show you what current and future development plans have been negatively impacted by the overage that this rule has caused.

Sincerely,

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