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From: Gary Knapp, Community Development Coordinator

Re: Follow up to "Summit" meeting April 30, 1997

Date: May 5, 1998

In a February 10, 1998 correspondence and at the request of the Village Council and the Mancelona Downtown Development Authority, I committed to convening and facilitating a community forum this spring. In light of recent events and pending action with respect to clean up activities of the Tar Lake Superfund site and related development projects we have **scheduled the community forum for May 18, 1998 from 11:30 to 1:00 at the Mancelona Missionary Church.**

**The primary purpose of the community forum is to exchange information and provide an opportunity for questions and answers, as well as input into developments underway that directly affect the community of Mancelona and the surrounding area.**



As you know, we received a Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The purpose of the grant is to, among other things, inform and engage the community in a ongoing dialogue in order that they have a voice in any decision making related to the clean up of the Tar Lake Superfund Site. Subsequent to our April 30th visioning and strategic planning session (summit) a great deal of activity has occurred. In addition to the (about to be scheduled) clean up of Tar Lake, the Village has obtained land from the Township and is in the process of negotiating with Viacom and the EPA for the acquisition of the Tar Lake property. The intent is to acquire sufficient property for a wastewater lagoon system and to clear the way for local manufacturers, the schools, Schuss Mountain and Shanty Creek and the Downtown Businesses, as well as interested residential property owners to hook up to the proposed sewer system. These and other developments are consistent with outcomes put forward at our April "summit".

As a follow up to the April meeting, and consistent with the objectives of the TAG grant, we have formed a non profit organization and local board to ensure community awareness and participation in local decision making. Therefore, the non profit board (Community Resource Development Inc.) is the sponsor of this community forum in partnership with the US EPA / TAG.

We hope you will be able to clear your calendar for this important community forum. The proposed agenda is as follows:

## **PROPOSED AGENDA**

- I      Introductions**
- II     Review of April Summit Meeting Results / Progress Reports From:**
  - School Construction**
  - Citing of Waste Water Treatment Facility**
  - Shanty Creek / Schuss Mountain Development**
  - Other Projects (including job creation/expansion)**
  - Remediation of Tar Lake Superfund Site**
- III    Revisit "Opportunities for Collaboration" from April summit meeting**
- IV    How Are We Doing With Information Sharing and Collaboration?**
- V     Where Are We Headed and How Can We Ensure That We Get Where We're Going Together?**
- VI    Next Meeting**



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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF  
SR-6J

April 27, 1998

Mr. Gary Knapp  
Community Development Coordinator  
Tar Lake Technical Assistance Grant Committee  
Mancelona Family Resource Center  
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Dear Mr. Knapp:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) would like to congratulate you and the entire Mancelona community on the funding recently awarded to Mancelona under the Agency's Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) Program. U.S. EPA believes it is important for citizens to be involved in decisions related to Superfund sites in their communities. Funding from the TAG can be used to hire technical consultants to assist in interpreting site information and sampling data and to help communicate community concerns.

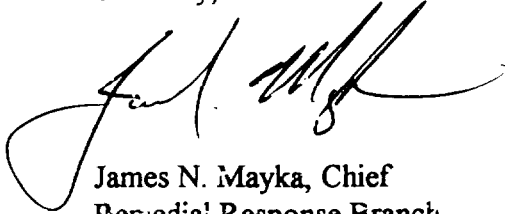
The TAG Committee will serve an important role in the process of addressing the Antrim Iron Works, or "Tar Lake," site. Ways in which the committee will play a role should be discussed with U.S. EPA and Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) so that the extent and type of involvement desired by the committee and, in turn, by local officials and developers, can be defined and clarified. The points of contact at U.S. EPA with whom you will be dealing are Mary Tierney, Remedial Project Manager, and Stuart Hill, Community Involvement Coordinator, and the MDEQ point of contact is Rob MacLeod, Site Manager. Please work closely with these folks to ensure that your concerns are understood and your questions are answered.

U.S. EPA is committed to involving those on the TAG Committee, as well as all other interested residents and local officials, in developing plans for the former Antrim Iron Works/Tar Lake site,

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and we look forward to working with the Mancelona community and the TAG Committee to achieve resolution of site issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'James N. Mayka', with a large, sweeping initial 'J'.

James N. Mayka, Chief  
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