



# City of West Branch

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Northern Transformation Corporation  
2839 South M-76  
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Dear Promise Zone Committee,

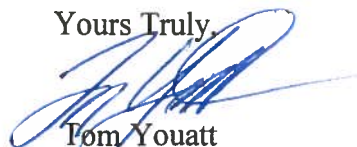
The City of West Branch is pleased to support the Promise Zone Application submitted by the Northern Transformation Corporation on behalf of our community and region. We stand united with our area organizations and partners in working together to receive designation as a Promise Zone.

The City of West Branch has the same challenges as our partners in providing a decent quality of life for our citizens. This includes improving educational opportunities, reducing crime, reducing poverty, creating jobs and improving overall economic activity in our community and region. We believe that, working together, we can accomplish these goals.

If we are successful in receiving designation as a Promise Zone, the City of West Branch will continue to apply for grant funding to improve our aging infrastructure including resurfacing streets, replacing curb and gutter and sidewalks, and replacing water and sewer mains. In particular, the City will continue to pursue funding to rebuild our core downtown infrastructure in conjunction with the Michigan Department of Transportation.

We look forward to working together with area organizations and partners to meet the challenges we face in improving the quality of life for our citizens.

Yours Truly,



Tom Youatt  
City Manager



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