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FROM:  Office of Jeff Wright
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RE: KWA Continues to Receive Unanimous Support

The Lapeer Development Corporation (LDC) voted in support of the Karegnondi Water Authority at its regularly scheduled meeting on September 8, 2009. Mr. Jeff Wright, Drain Commissioner, joined by Tim Herman, CEO of the Genesee Regional Chamber of Commerce, and Ted Henry, Chairman of the Genesee County Board, made a presentation to the LDC at their meeting in southern Lapeer County. The Lapeer Development Corporation is the privately funded economic development corporation for Lapeer County since 1981.

Commissioner Wright expressed concern that if we do not move forward this time, we may never get another chance to stand on our own. "Are we the I-69 corridor or a suburb of Detroit?" Mr. Wright asked the group. The final act of the meeting was a unanimous vote of support for the project and a recommendation that Lapeer County move forward to develop the Karegnondi Water Authority. One of the members asked why the name? Mr. Wright said, "This is not a Flint, not a Genesee, Sanilac, or Lapeer County authority, this is a regional authority and the name should reflect a regional approach. Karegnondi is the name Native Americans of the region used for Lake Huron when Europeans first arrived in the area."

The City of Flint, Genesee County, and Lapeer County have already agreed to move forward. Mr. Wright concluded by stating, "Our next step is to go to Lapeer County, Greater Lapeer County Utility Authority and Sanilac County."