



March 26, 2025

Mayor David LaGrand  
300 Monroe Ave NW  
Room 620  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Dear Mayor LaGrand,

West Michigan Trails respectfully requests recognition as a local civic organization for the purpose of obtaining a license from the Bureau of State Lottery.

West Michigan Trails (WMT) is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to connecting people, trails, and communities. We collaborate with stakeholders across an 18-county region in West Michigan to coordinate projects that support the development and connection of trails. Additionally, we serve as a fiduciary for smaller trail groups and lead private fundraising efforts for public trail projects. Most recently, we successfully raised the private funds necessary for the Leonard to Ann Street Trail Project.

As part of our upcoming fundraising events in May and June, we plan to offer a weekend stay at Ottawa Sands Park as an incentive for new monthly donors. A generous Board member has personally purchased the stay, and we will conduct a random drawing from among our new donors to select a recipient.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to your response. Please let us know if any additional information is required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Antel".

Jennifer Antel  
Program Manager

