

August 1, 2025

Natalie Phelps Finnie, Director
Illinois Department of Natural Resources
One Natural Resources Way
Springfield, Illinois 62701

Dear Director Phelps Finnie,

As a resident of Gibson City, I wanted to submit this letter of support on behalf of the City's efforts to establish a new swimming pool and bath house. The community has had the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed new swimming pool and bath house and the well-planned project has been in the works for many years. This letter serves as my written support for Gibson City's application for IDNR's Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) funding.

The City's OSLAD Grant Proposal includes construction of a new swimming pool and bath house that will be located adjacent to the existing pool.

Gibson City is in dire need of a new pool. The original pool was built in 1921 and has far beyond reached its useful life span. A new pool and bath house will promote healthy living by encouraging recreational activity use and enhance the overall quality of life for residents of the City. The City does not have many recreational amenities available and the pool has always been a treasure to our residents. We are excited and hopeful for the long-awaited new pool to be built and we appreciate the efforts the City is taking to make this happen.

As a local resident who supports the efforts and management of the City, as well as the Gibson City Pool Exploratory Committee, we respect and appreciate the community coordination that this project created. I strongly encourage the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to support the Gibson City's OSLAD grant project.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,