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Letter of Support for SWODF Grant for Greenlid (Autom River Inc)

Project Name

**Non-Wood Fibre Processing, Production and Sustainable
Innovation Facility**

Case/Application #: 2021-12-1-1652117799.

We are pleased to write this letter of support for the new Greenlid Sustainable Innovation Facility in the Township of Southgate's Eco Park.

Recently, the Township of Southgate Council approved the sale of 27 acres for the development of the site into a state-of-the-art facility for transforming local southwestern Ontario farm feedstocks into sustainable products for both the Canadian and international market. After review of many proposals for the site and meeting with the Greenlid Team, we couldn't be more excited to see this facility built in our Township. We are very encouraged with the dozens of jobs that will be added over the next 3 years, and the further expansion beyond with their detailed and expansive plans. Not only will they be purchasing their raw feedstock from local farmers, but their innovative approach to manufacturing and sustainable product development will not only bring good manufacturing jobs to the area, but also partnerships and high impact R&D jobs directly to our area.

This investment of \$30 million over the next 3 years will be just the start of what we foresee as Greenlid becoming a pillar for other innovative, sustainable companies to begin operations in our region and in our Eco Park, making a hub for innovation in the sustainability space that is rapidly growing our economy across both southwestern Ontario and Canada.

Welcoming Greenlid to the Township of Southgate Eco Park, supports our initiative to attract Eco Friendly businesses, job creation and our climate change action plan.

We fully support this project and look forward to working along side Greenlid to create positive outcomes for our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

John Woodbury – Mayor
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