



City of Bluff City
Mayor Percy J. Brown

Office of the Mayor

City Hall / 100 Broad Avenue
Bluff City, Ohio

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Dear Bluff City Citizens:

Well, my friends, it's that time of month again. And this time I'm here to update you on the status of the funding proposal we've sent forth to Washington for our Obama dollars. I need your support.

We submitted our proposal for The Bluff City Beaver Tribute Memorial Statue Fountain (TBCBTMSF) project to the state's stimulus package website (www.recovery.ohio.gov), where we felt it was most suited for the "Poverty, Work & Opportunity" program. This is opposed to superfluous programs like "Infrastructure" (How generic is that program? Don't we already *have* infrastructure?) or "Energy & Environment" (Aren't those two concepts diametrically opposed?!). I see the TBCBTMSF project as an opportunity for an Opportunity to put people to Work to keep them or pull them out of Poverty.

The TBCBTMSF project will also be "shovel-ready" (a key requirement) once the pen-ready final design work is completed by the architectural consultant we hired, House & Hall Consulting. However, H&H wants to be paid before they will release the completed construction drawings to us, and the city can't pay them until we receive the stimulus funds. So we're really banking on those funds, let me tell you!

That's why I need your help, why I need every Bluff City citizen to contact their representatives in Washington to voice support for the TBCBTMSF project. Without that support, I fear we will not capture those funds and we will continue to lose jobs, to lose families, to lose hope. And I wish for The Great Beaver Statue of Hope to become a shining symbol of hope and glory for our fair city!

In the interest of fairness, I must inform you of competing Obama Fund project proposals also submitted on the city's behalf (and who submitted them). These competing projects include funds to rebuild city hall (Phil Green); funds for the rehabilitation or replacement of over 100 miles of street pavement (Burt Spurburt); funds for a citywide build-out of water and sewer service to city areas still unserved (Spurburt); funds for a clean, green city vehicle fleet (George Johnson); and funds for high speed internet connectivity to all Bluff City schools (Angelina Smith).

While these are all certainly very worthy proposals, I believe they are too optimistic and far-reaching, not to mention self-serving and completely unnecessary! After all, we already have a city hall and streets and water and sewer and city vehicles and dial-up connectivity to the schools. What I'm proposing here is something entirely NEW! It can be our defining achievement, if only you will support my support for it.

It will be glorious!! I promise!! And I guarantee we will keep the visitor admission costs down to a minimum for the first six months after the facility is opened. Adult admission will be discounted to \$6 each, children age 10 & under will be \$5. And the view from the top of The Great Beaver Statue of Hope will be fantastic as you look out the Great Beaver's eye-holes westward across the beautiful Ohio countryside towards the Bluff County Landfill & Rendering Plant! The landscape is truly remarkable!

Sincerely,
Percy J. Brown
Your Honorable Mayor