

# LOCKPORT

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222 E. Ninth Street ♦ Lockport, IL 60441-3497

August 25, 2022

Kari K. Steele  
President  
METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO (MWRD)  
100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611

Re: City of Lockport - Ducere, LLC, Petroleum Pipeline and Proposed Terminal at MWRD Property

Dear Ms. Steele:

The City of Lockport fully supports the Ducere, LLC Petroleum Pipeline and Terminal at the MWRD property. This unique re-development opportunity has been discussed with City officials, as far back as 2018 when the City of Lockport granted Ducere, LLC an easement for pipeline use on public right of way in the City of Lockport.

The current site has been an eyesore for some time, dilapidated dock and silos which impacts the skyline of our historic downtown Lockport, concerns linger over abandoned sunk barges left in the DesPlaines River, which would also get removed in this new industrial development, which will mostly not be visible from downtown Lockport.

The project will also provide economic growth with 100 union construction jobs followed by 20+ local jobs and 100's of Marine jobs and we fully support the energy transition to avoid numerous train units per day trans versing Illinois, especially including rail lines through Lockport.

The City of Lockport has an existing Redevelopment Agreement with Ducere LLC, along with easement in place for the pipeline and has issued construction permits for the pipeline and the easements in order to serve the site.

Thank you for your consideration on this project, if you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 630-234-2948.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ben Benson", is written over a horizontal line.

Ben Benson  
City Administrator