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Dear Erie Community,

We are pleased to express our support for the 2026 Sustainability Action Plan as an important next step toward a future that prioritizes environmental and community well-being and resilience for the Town of Erie.

Sustainability is a broad concept, and it is important to recognize that its definition varies—as does what it means to each of us within the Erie community. Just as the original plan of 2019 was built on knowledge obtained through community feedback and input, so too is this latest Sustainability Action Plan. Results from the Communitywide 2025 survey provided further validation that there is overwhelming support for sustainability programs, with a majority favoring the continuation and even expansion of initiatives across a variety of sustainability areas including the Recycling Center, rebates, etc.

Through the guidance of the Town of Erie's Sustainability Division in partnership with other Town Departments, community based organizations and key Town leaders, including the Sustainability Advisory Board, the Sustainability Action Plan evolves sustainability to address community priorities and focus areas, including resiliency, long-term economic viability, the protection of natural resources, and health and community well-being.

As the original 2019 architects of the plan foresaw, achieving progress in the directions outlined in the Sustainability Action Plan is an ongoing effort. The Sustainability Advisory Board believes that meaningful progress begins with shared commitment. We stand ready to champion the vision of the Plan, working with the Town and its leaders to foster community engagement. Together, we will continue to create a future that reflects Erie's values and ensures a lasting legacy of sustainability.

*Town of Erie, Sustainability Advisory Board Members*