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Mr. Joseph Vozella
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Dear Mr. Vozella:

The Surface Water Quality Bureau (SWQB) would like to recognize the Parajito Plateau Watershed Partnership in their efforts to coordinate stakeholders with the common goal of planning and implementing a program aimed at identifying and resolving the primary issues affecting water quality in the watershed. The watershed has many diverse stakeholders and coordination poses many challenges. The magnitude of the effort shows the beginnings of a comprehensive and consensus-driven plan that will focus ongoing and future efforts for the many stakeholders. Such a genuine group effort to produce a watershed management plan needs to be recognized, commended, and supported.

SWQB staff have been active participants in these watershed planning efforts. SWQB staff will continue participating in this planning effort with special consideration of issues of concern to the SWQB, such as NPDES permitting, stormwater control and management, surface water quality monitoring, education/outreach efforts, and nonpoint source pollution issues.

Your support of this endeavor will result in our efforts to continue working together on this watershed management plan, and on other efforts in the future.

Sincerely,

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