



December 15, 2010

Mayor Doug Von Gausig
Town of Clarkdale
39 N. Ninth Street
Clarkdale, AZ 86324

RE: Letter of Support for the Clarkdale Sustainability Park

Dear Mayor Von Gausig,

As your neighbor and collaborator on projects of critical importance to the Verde Valley, the City of Cottonwood supports the efforts of the Town of Clarkdale to create a vital and viable future based on the principles of sustainability which are critical to our region, and necessitate cooperation amongst the leaders in our various communities to create the future we would like to see.

We applaud Clarkdale's vision to create an evolutionary solution for a sustainable community, and support the overall direction of the Clarkdale Sustainability Park. That said, we realize that from time to time differences of opinion may arise as each of our communities work to create sustainable futures for our citizens.

Of particular concern for the City of Cottonwood is the land owned by Freeport-McMoran Copper & Gold – Peck's Lake. In addition, as Clarkdale pursues waste to energy projects, Cottonwood prefers that additional truck traffic (if any) avoid Old Town Cottonwood as a thoroughfare. We look forward to helping craft mutually-beneficial solutions and participating with the Town of Clarkdale as the Clarkdale Sustainability Park moves forward.

Realizing the need for further research before the Park becomes a reality, we encourage your pursuit of legislative support and financial backing as community dialogue continues. In working together, the communities of the Verde Valley can bring about long-term economic prosperity in an environmentally-sound, responsible way.

We look forward to working together with you in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Diane Joens'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, flowing 'D'.

Diane Joens
Mayor