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Dear Land Reuse Committee:

Main Street Texarkana wishes to express support for the Land Reuse and Revitalization Program for Texarkana. Our downtown area has been in decline for a number of years. One of the biggest challenges we face is the perception of our citizens that the abandoned lots and properties are contaminated. Revitalization of these properties and creating green space will create an environment conducive to bringing people back downtown. Adaptive reuse of existing properties and reusing the present infrastructure will curb urban sprawl.

I believe the Land Reuse and Revitalization Program will be a great asset to Texarkana as it will provide much needed education about the issues facing our downtown.

I and Main Street Texarkana will participate in the Land Reuse and Revitalization Program and support its efforts.

Sincerely,

Bethany Hanna
Executive Director