

Dear Residents,

The Village of Perry is applying for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) NatureWorks Grant to help fund the construction of two new pickleball courts at Lee Lydic Park. This grant will provide essential funding to enhance our community's recreational facilities, promoting health, wellness, and social engagement for residents of all ages. To strengthen our grant application, we are seeking **letters of support** from community members like you who recognize the benefits of this project and want to see it come to life.

Why This Project Matters

- Growing Demand for Pickleball – Pickleball is one of the fastest-growing sports in the country, providing a fun and low-impact way for people of all ages to stay active.
- Accessible & Inclusive Recreation – These courts will be designed with ADA-accessible pathways, making them available to all members of our community, including seniors and individuals with disabilities.
- Health & Wellness Benefits – Pickleball promotes physical activity, mental health, and community engagement, offering a recreational outlet that encourages healthy lifestyles.
- Local Economic & Social Impact – The new courts will attract visitors, support local businesses, and create a gathering place for leagues, tournaments, and community events.

How You Can Help

We are asking for your support in writing a brief letter to the NatureWorks Grant Committee expressing why this project is important for our community. Your letter does not need to be long, just a few paragraphs sharing your thoughts on why you believe the pickleball courts will be a valuable addition to our park and community.

What to Include in Your Support Letter:

1. Your Name and Connection to Perry (resident, business owner, school staff, etc.).
2. Why You Support the Pickleball Courts – personal experiences, benefits you see for the community, how you or others will use them.
3. Encouragement for the Grant Committee to approve funding for this project.

Submission Instructions

Please send your completed letter via email to: perryvillage.cfo@gmail.com

Deadline: March 15, 2025

Your support is critical in helping us secure this grant and bring much-needed pickleball courts to the Village of Perry. Thank you for being an advocate for our community's health, recreation, and quality of life. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at ahacking.pvcouncil@gmail.com

Sincerely,

Councilwoman Ashley Hacking
Village of Perry