



LANSING REGIONAL CHAMBER

We Work Relentlessly to Help Businesses Connect, Grow and Thrive.

August 26, 2024

Lansing City Council
124 W. Michigan Ave.
10th Floor City Hall
Lansing, MI 48933

RE: Brownfield Plan #81 Amendment No. 1; Neogen Expansion, 720 E. Shaiwassee St. and 703 E. Michigan Ave.

Lansing City Council,

Since 1901, the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce (LRCC) has served as a transformational leader and trusted voice of the region's business community. As the Lansing region continues to grow and evolve, the LRCC only continues to strengthen our efforts to ensure that all businesses connect, grow, and thrive. Our strategic efforts are supported by four key pillars: excellent operations, business value, policy influence, and regional leadership.

Neogen Corporation embodies these pillars and has been a leader within the Mid-Michigan community for more than 40 years. As a global company with its corporate headquarters in downtown Lansing, Neogen has been an exemplary employer and advocate for the growth of our community. Since its founding, Neogen has continually invested in the city, transforming tired buildings into modern office and manufacturing spaces, creating jobs for both Neogen and contractors within the area.

The company's current project, the expansion of its Shiawassee Street facility into a high-tech manufacturing, lab, and research facility, is no exception. The project has transformed a former train site into a facility that will create more than 100 new skilled jobs and generate \$45 million in new property taxes over the next 20 years. In the construction of this facility, Neogen has proudly utilized union labor. The company respects the rights of workers, and it continues to work collaboratively with unions within the region to ensure that all parties are treated fairly.

Neogen is a key community partner, investing in the people and companies who call Lansing home, evidenced by their recent receipt of an employee-led collaborative grant from the State of Michigan. The application process brought together multiple employers within the Lansing area to formulate training and educational solutions to help fill talent gaps within the workforce.

In 2023, we recognized Neogen's co-founder and former CEO Jim Herbert with the LRCC Community Service Award, for his work to revitalize urban neighborhoods in the Lansing region and his monetary donations to the UM Health-Sparrow Herbert Herman Cancer Center and UM-Sparrow Health System.



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The company is truly committed to the betterment and growth of our region, and we are proud to offer them our support. On behalf of the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce, we encourage you to approve Neogen's proposed amendment to its current Brownfield tax credit for its ongoing expansion project within the City of Lansing.

Sincerely,

Tim Daman
President & CEO
Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce