**COMPELLING REASONS WHY THE CARO REGIONAL CENTER NEEDS TO REMAIN IN TUSCOLA COUNTY**

1. Successfully **in operation here for over 100 years**
2. **Accepted in the community** (not likely to be the case with a different location – NIMBY Not In My Back Yard)
3. Facility is removed and **buffered with woodlots from almost all residential development** – limited residential development in the area
4. **City sewer currently serves the facility with significant additional capacity**
5. **Facility is one of the City’s largest sewer customers**, accounting for about 10% of the sewer fund’s revenue - losing this facility would result in a financial burden to city residents who would have to pick up the slack of the lost revenue
6. If necessary **City water can be extended** to the site – facility currently uses its own wells
7. Significant **existing state land is available for construction**
8. Direct access to the major state trunk lines of **M-81 and M-46 that are linked to I-75**
9. **Direct access to local medical providers** including Hills and Dales (currently expanding and upgrading) and Caro hospitals
10. **Many specialty medical providers nearby** including dialysis, oncology, MRI, County Medical Care Facility, several senior citizen and rehabilitation centers, Lighthouse (closed head injury care) nearby Veterans Hospital

1. This area has already had to deal with the **economic setback of losing about 100 jobs in 2012** when the state prisons were closed in this area and staffing at the facility was reduced
2. Loss of an additional 360 quality jobs would **cripple funding for area school districts** with relocation of facility employees and their children
3. If not built here many new costly social and economic problems would occur and the **economy of this rural area would go from bad to worse** (see previous PowerPoint of economic stress factors)
4. People living at the facility, employees and visitors **buy local goods** and services such as food and personnel items and local businesses are hired by the facility