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Natalie Phelps Finnie, Director

Illinois Department of Natural Resources

One Natural Resources Way

Springfield, Illinois 62701

Re: Letter of Support City of South Beloit’s Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Grant Application

Dear Director Phelps Finnie,

[INSERT BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION] has had the opportunity to review the Master Plan for the City of South Beloit’s proposed Neighborhood Park at Nature at the Confluence project. We have had the chance to comment and provided input with the community on this proposed project. This letter serves as our written support for the City of South Beloit’s application for IDNR’s Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant program.

The Neighborhood Park at Nature at the Confluence is an approximately 25-acre Neighborhood Park Development located just off of Charles Street and along the Rock River in the northwest quadrant of the City of South Beloit.  The planned development components at this park include a Playground area, a scenic Overlook Area at Kelley Creek, a Picnic Shelter, Picnic Tables, an informational kiosk, outdoor classrooms, and roadway and parking improvements.

The City of South Beloit is seeking OSLAD Grant funding to implement the Master Plan they created for the Neighborhood Park at Nature at the Confluence. Nature at The Confluence is an initiative to transform the area of land where Turtle Creek meets the Rock River into an urban ecology center that offers our community a place to celebrate the natural and historical significance of the land.   As part of the City’s mission to enrich the community with informative, unique, diverse and safe park and recreation experiences through fiscally responsible actions, the City thought it best to obtain funding assistance to ensure the development of this special park.

As a local business/organization, we respect and appreciate the community coordination that this project continues to create. We are looking forward to project, and we strongly encourage the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to support the City of South Beloit’s Neighborhood Park at Nature at the Confluence OSLAD grant project.

Thank you for your consideration of the City’s application and of this Letter of Support for the project.

Sincerely,