

Date: February 16th, 2019

To: Mr. Tim Zelek District 2 NRAC/OPWC Liaison Officer 10245 Winton Road Cincinnati, Ohio 45231

RE: Green Space Conservation Program

Dear Mr. Zelek:

On behalf of the Madisonville Community Council, I am writing to express our support for the Cincinnati Park Board application for funding through the Green Space Conservation Program project in Bramble Park, in the Madisonville neighborhood of the City of Cincinnati. This project is a stream (hydrology) restoration project aimed at improving instream habitat and consequently instream biology along the Little Duck Creek and its tributary within Bramble Park. In addition to the streambed restoration, significant attention will be paid to removing invasive species such as porcelain berry and wintercreeper.

This project will expand community views and increase access to the Creek, providing places for children to play, opportunities for residents to connect in nature, and improving connectivity to nearby communities. A half of a mile of walking trails are planned in the southern section of Bramble Park. An existing partnership with the Millcreek Alliance will result in hiring local youth to be trained in green careers and to become personally invested in this neighborhood improvement project.

This project is just one of many being planned for Bramble Park, all of which will revitalize the largest public park in Madisonville. We support the efforts of the Cincinnati Park Board, the Cincinnati Recreation Commission, the Little Duck Creek Task Force, and the Madisonville Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation on these revitalization efforts for Bramble Park.

On behalf of the Madisonville Community Council, I request you give the City of Cincinnati's application full and thorough consideration.

Sincerely,

Kate Botos

Madisonville Community Council President

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