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Niagara Relicensing
Environmental Coalition
Tuscarora Nation
Tonawanda Seneca Nation
Seneca Nation of Indians
New York Power Authority

Dear Mr. Cammarata:

On behalf of the Greenway Ecological Standing Committee, I am pleased to inform you that the Committee has conditionally approved funding for the Land-side Native Tree Planting Enhancement in your "Union Ship Canal Public Open Space" project.

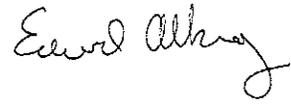
The committee has agreed to provide a total of \$115,000, contingent upon a Committee review and approval of a planting plan. The planting plan should address the following:

- *More information on the size and unit costs of plants.*
- *A greater diversity of native trees and possibly shrubs (more than 4 species native to this region)*
- *More information on the selected species' ecological/wildlife value*
- *Assurance that selected species can survive harsh substrate conditions on site (selection should consider rooting characteristics, soils tolerances, etc)*
- *Assurance that plants will be planted in a minimally maintained naturalizing area where there is little or no mowing or other disturbance.*
- *Assurance that this naturalized area will be sustained in the future (e.g. as the Commerce Park development continues)*
- *Short-term and long-term maintenance plans (who is responsible for mulching, watering, monitoring – especially in the short term as plants get established)*
- *Description of how the plants will be protected from deer*

The Greenway Ecological Standing Committee is charged with supporting ecological enhancements within the Niagara River Greenway. A well thought-out planting plan is needed to support these enhancements on a challenging site.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward Alkiewicz". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Edward Alkiewicz
Secretary, GESC