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NY State Department of
Environmental Conservation
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Niagara Relicensing
Environmental Coalition
Tuscarora Nation
Tonawanda Seneca Nation
Seneca Nation of Indians
New York Power Authority

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Dear Michelle:

The Greenway Ecological Standing Committee has two major concerns with the Ecological Restoration of the Niagara Gorge Rim study as currently proposed:

1. The lack of a clear statement from Wild Ones, the project sponsor, that the focus of the study is on the historical, current and potential ecological values of the gorge and gorge rim, not on the removal of the Robert Moses Parkway; and
2. The need for a focus on ecological enhancements, consistent with our mandate, and for exclusion of any tasks or portions of tasks not based on that focus. Tasks 4 and 5 especially appear to us to be beyond the scope of this study.

We ask that you address these concerns in a revised project narrative, task list, and budget by February 17. This will allow us to review, discuss and vote on your project by February 24.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret Wooster/GESC".

Margaret Wooster
Chair GESC