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Dear Greenway Ecological Standing Committee,

This letter is to report on activities and expenditures during the fourth and final year of the Tree Regeneration at Tifft Nature Preserve project funded by the Greenway Ecological Standing Committee.

A detailed list of expenditures and activities from the fourth year is included as well as a budget summary and overall achievements for the entire four year grant. Major accomplishments include the planting of 420 native trees and shrubs of 11 different species bringing the project total to 2,051 trees of 29 native species. There was also additional invasive species control conducted bringing the project total to over 15 acres of invasive species work. With maintenance and replacement of tree shelters to prevent damage from deer and above average rainfall this summer, we are pleased to report a tree survival rate of 81% based on 1,399 tagged trees with an increase in annual survival of older trees (94% for three year olds). We couldn't have done all of this without the help of almost 600 volunteers totaling over 1,400 hours of service during the past four years.

This project has been a great success for Tifft Nature Preserve in many ways. It provided the resources for the largest invasive species control and habitat enhancement project in the forty year history of the preserve. The benefits of this work for wildlife, and the enjoyment of thousands of visitors to the preserve, will last for decades. Another lasting benefit of the Tree Regeneration at Tifft Nature Preserve grant is the increased operational capacity for ongoing preserve management and stewardship. Funds were used to purchase much needed durable tools and equipment that will continue to be used by preserve staff and volunteers for future invasive species control, habitat enhancement projects, ecological restoration and trail maintenance.

Please let me know if the committee has any questions or if I can provide any additional information. I can be reached at 716-825-6397 or [dpsiering@sciencebuff.org](mailto:dpsiering@sciencebuff.org). Thank you for your support of this project at Tifft Nature Preserve.

Sincerely,

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