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Dr. Alicia Pérez-Fuentetaja, Associate Professor,
Biology Dept. and Great Lakes Center, SC254,
SUNY Buffalo State
1300 Elmwood Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14222,

RE: GESC Award for Emerald Shiner Habitat Conservation and
Restoration Study in the Upper Niagara River

Dear Dr. Pérez-Fuentetaja,

It is a great pleasure to inform you that the Niagara Greenway Ecological Standing Committee has approved your funding request in the amount of \$766,448 for the project "Emerald Shiner Habitat Conservation and Restoration Study in the Upper Niagara River: Importance for Sport Fish, Common Terns and Public Education". The GESC believes that the success of the research project will contribute significantly to the advancement of the Niagara Greenway by enhancing the conservation of this important species.

Congratulations to the SUNY Research Foundation on achieving this award and please let me know if the GESC can be of any assistance as you move forward with the project. A check for the requested amount of \$298,880 for the first year project costs has been sent to Carol Darstein at SUNY Research Foundation.

Awards checks for future years will be released contingent on satisfactory progress toward project goals. I will be sending a separate letter in the near future that describes our reporting requirements for documentation and tracking of the project costs and progress toward project goals.

Best wishes for a successful project,

Tim DePriest
Tim DePriest,

GESC Chair

Cc:

Carol Darstein, SUNY Research Foundation w/enclosure