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Mr. Mark Kostzewski
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Dear Mr. Kostzewski,

Thank you for submitting the proposal, "Shoreline Stabilization and Habitat Restoration on the Buffalo River" to the Greenway Ecological Standing Committee (GESC) for funding consideration. Unfortunately, your proposal was not selected for funding at this time.

Two issues related to project scope and timing resulted in the GESC's consensus to not fund the proposal. With regard to scope, the proposal calls for a significant effort to stabilize the shoreline with a vertical, steel sheet pile and rock wall. This type of shoreline treatment is not beneficial to the ecological function of a shoreline and may contribute to further loss of habitat. The aspect of the proposal that seeks to reestablish native plants to help stabilize the shoreline and create habitat has merit and could qualify for funding by the GESC. However, we feel that with the extensive construction related impacts to the site, it is better to develop a planting plan that takes into consideration, and is adapted to, the post-construction site conditions. We believe this will result in a more successful and effective approach to creating high quality habitat at the site.

I encourage you to take this feedback from the GESC into consideration and revise your proposal for potential future funding. Best of luck as you continue to build the new boathouse and please feel free to contact me at any time with questions or concerns.

Regards,

Timothy DePriest