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Mr. David Spiering, Ecologist
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Dear Mr. Spiering

This letter is to inform you of the Greenway Ecological Standing Committee's (GESC) decision regarding your recent funding proposal, "Green Infrastructure and Native Landscape Planning at Tift Nature Preserve." While the proposed project will bring clear benefits to the Niagara Greenway by improving access and enjoyment for visitors, the consensus reached by the GESC is that the proposal does not meet the established criteria for funding.

Certain aspects of the proposed project that directly address habitat improvement on site, such as planting of native plant species, are well aligned with our funding criteria and I encourage you to re-apply for funding for this type of work when the time is appropriate.

In the meantime, I wish you success in your quest to identify and secure funding sources that are better aligned with improving visitor access to Tift Preserve and the Niagara Greenway. On behalf of the GESC, thank you for all of the excellent work that you do to conserve and improve the ecological assets of the Niagara Greenway.

Respectfully,

Timothy DePriest,
Chair, GESC

Cc: Steve Schoenwiesner, GESC Secretary