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Mr. John M Preisler  
Niagara River Yacht Club  
350 Homestead Dr.  
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Dear Mr. Preisler,

Thank you for recently submitting your proposal, "Shoreline Stabilization and Native Habitat Plantings," for funding consideration to the Greenway Ecological Standing Committee (GESC). While the GESC found merit with your proposal and believes that it could help advance the vision for the Greenway, we did not reach consensus to fund the project due to uncertainties about the cost vs. benefit of attempting to restore habitat in this particular location. The primary issue is the extensive commercial and industrial development that surrounds the site, which significantly limits the potential for an effective ecological restoration project.

However, regardless of the limitations to ecological restoration of the site, the proposal that you developed would undoubtedly benefit the Niagara Greenway by enhancing the visitor experience and aesthetic qualities at the site. I encourage you to continue to pursue other avenues of funding for this proposal because of the benefits that it will bring to the Greenway.

Good luck as you move forward with your project and please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Regards,

Timothy DePriest  
Chair, Greenway Ecological Standing Committee