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Mr. Mark Mortenson
President and CEO
Buffalo Museum of Science
1020 Humboldt Parkway
Buffalo, NY 14211-1208

Dear Mr. Mortenson:

On behalf of the Greenway Ecological Standing Committee, I am pleased to inform you that the Committee has approved funding for the Buffalo Museum of Science "Tree Regeneration at Tiffit Nature Preserve" project.

The Committee has agreed to provide a total of \$300,000 to be disbursed over three years in annual amounts of \$100,000 in accordance with the task descriptions in your proposal. The Committee will provide the funding with the following condition:

No Niagara River Greenway funds will be spent on unprotected trees or trees planted outside the deer enclosures as part of the research project to examine deer browsing on the preserve.

Mr. Dave Spiering in a September 18, 2009 communication to Margaret Wooster and Edward Alkiewicz has accepted that condition to the funding.

The Committee also expects to be kept informed of the progress of the work in end of the year reports. A twenty percent retainage will be withheld from the third year payment until a final report on the project has been provided to the Committee.

The Greenway Ecological Standing Committee is charged with supporting projects that are consistent with the adopted Niagara River Greenway Plan and support ecological enhancements within the Niagara River Greenway. That Plan was developed with strong community input and proved a vision that recognizes the importance of way-finding and the recreational assets that comprise the Greenway.

I will be in contact with you shortly regarding access to the funding.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward Alkiewicz".

Edward Alkiewicz
Secretary

cc: David Spiering – Tift Nature Preserve
Margaret Wooster - Riverkeeper