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December 13, 2019

Katrina Howey  
Grants Management Specialist  
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Dear Katrina,

I am pleased to offer support for the Edmund Niles Huyck Preserve, Inc.'s grant application to the New York State Conservation Partnership Program for its project entitled, "Designing a Master Plan for Critical Recreational Improvements."

I am a resident of the Town of Rensselaerville and frequent user of the trails and other recreational facilities at the Huyck Preserve. In addition, I am also the President of the Rensselaerville Library Board of Trustees. For the past five years, the Library and the Preserve have worked together to host the Rensselaerville Ramble Trail Run and Walk on the Preserve trails. As such, I have spent many hours on the trails planning the race course and getting the trails to be 'race ready'. I can attest to the beauty of the trails, but also to certain sections with poor drainage or confusing signage.

The Huyck Preserve attracts over 5,000 visitors each year as users of its trail system, its lake, and its public and K-12 educational programs, and it has been the site of significant scientific research in its 80-year history as a biological field station. In short, the Preserve is an integral part of our community. This project will help the Huyck Preserve design critical updates to its trail system and non-motorized boat launch and is an important first step in enhancing the experience of all of its users while protecting the natural resources the Preserve seeks to conserve. I support the Huyck Preserve's efforts.

Sincerely,

Linda Styer  
President, Library Board of Trustees  
Organizer, Rensselaerville Ramble Trail Run and Walk