



September 23, 2022

Re: Letter of Support

Dear Selection Committee,

It is our honor and privilege to submit this letter in support of the grant application being submitted by the Kinnickinnic River Land Trust (KRLT) for the Mortenson Family Foundation Sustaining Environmental Systems program. Hope for Creation is a collaborative organization in the River Falls area and we are proud to partner with additional organizations for a more sustainable future. KRLT's proposal for fully ADA accessible trails and bridge on the Kelley Creek Preserve is a wonderful way to advance environmental stewardship. We are thankful for KRLT for pursuing this opportunity to raise the collective conservation ethic in River Falls by providing opportunities for all to enjoy outdoor education activities.

Connecting people with nature is a great way to build respect, appreciation, and a sense of responsibility for everyone to do their part in taking care of our amazing planet. Providing ADA accessible opportunities helps us be more holistic in our approach to sustainability by including everyone in environmental stewardship, educating the community on our natural resources and food systems, and striving for social and environmental justice.

KRLT continues to demonstrate a commitment to our natural resources, good stewardship, and equitable access for all. These efforts align well with Hope for Creation and we are happy to support their efforts in curriculum development, participate in their activities, and also use our churches and other organizations to promote their efforts and the associated opportunities for our community. Hope for Creation strongly encourages you to consider the merits of their application and what this proposal will do for our community.

Sincerely,

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