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Charlie Rader, President
Kinnickinnic River Land Trust (KRLT)
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Dear Charlie,

I am a professor in the Social Work Department at the University of Wisconsin – River Falls, I am writing in support of KRLT’s grant proposal submission to the Mortenson Family Foundation Sustaining Environmental Systems program. The project entitled “Preserve access for all: A Kelly Creek community life learning lab” overlaps with our goals of environmental stewardship as well as educating the community on our natural resources, food systems and advocating environmental justice. I am excited to see Kelly Creek Preserve become fully accessible and to provide outdoor education activities for all.

Kelly Creek Preserve can assist our campus by being a regular site for our social work students to see the multiple ways in which our physical natural environment is important to human life, as well as the symbiotic relationship between humans and the environment. Having developed an environmental justice class for our undergraduate students, as well as working collaboratively with the sustainability group on campus, I would be happy to help create the curriculum for an environmental justice class for fall 2023 and/or spring 2024 on the Kelly Creek Preserve. I could also work with others at UWRF to provide complementary activities and information on campus.

Good luck with this proposal!

Best regards,

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