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Douglas Evans, Manager
GroundWork USA Initiative
Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program
National Park Service
15 State Street
Boston, MA 02109

Dear Mr. Evans,

We send this letter in strong support for the local public/private collaboration working to establish a GroundWork Trust in Portland, Oregon. As Mayor and City Council of Portland, we work to ensure that Portland is a clean, safe, livable and vibrant community. The City is well known for and is very proud of its advances toward these goals, but there is more to be done.

The local collaboration between public and private sectors is indicative of the effective partnerships the City has long supported. Continuing this tradition, the local initiative to establish a GroundWork Portland Trust will receive active participation by the City of Portland in the Phase 1 planning process. The representative from the Portland Brownfield Program will continue his membership on the steering committee with the continued understanding that this is a committee directed process.

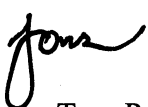
Should the funds be awarded, the City of Portland will pursue all appropriate courses of action to administer the GroundWork USA pilot funding and make available the required financial match (\$25,000 per year for 3 years). Our commitment is to provide the required technical, financial, and structural support needed for a GroundWork Trust to establish itself in Portland.

In addition to the required match, the City representative to the GroundWork Portland effort will identify and work to bring additional financial and technical resources from the City to GroundWork Portland projects. There are several programs within the City of

Portland, our county, and our regional government with objectives and targeted areas that are complimentary to activity proposed by the GroundWork Portland proposal. We recognize the importance of partnerships and shared resources as mechanisms to ensure multi-party success.

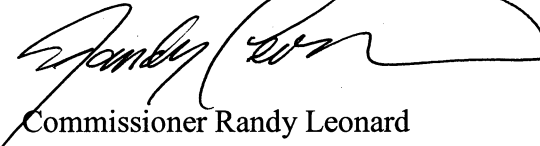
To that end, we strongly encourage you to award the GroundWork Portland proposal. We are committed to fulfilling the City required obligations and finding creative ways in which we can help them succeed.

Sincerely,


Mayor Tom Potter


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