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October 7, 2026

Sarah Morse
Executive Director
Little Falls Watershed Alliance
4920 Dorset Avenue
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Ms. Morse:

I am writing in my capacity as Chairman of the Village of Friendship Heights Council in strong support of the application for a grant for creek restoration in partnership with The Little Falls Watershed Alliance and Somerset House. I understand 500 feet of unrestored creek runs through the Somerset House area. Our neighborhood borders Somerset House and the Town of Somerset. All three neighborhoods are experiencing dangerous creek bank scouring and erosion with badly deteriorated outflow conditions at the Wisconsin Avenue bridge.

Our citizens have repeatedly raised concerns because the creek runs through our community downstream and many families frequent and treasure it. We have families who fish and wade along the banks near the bridge.

We hope our community will be kept apprised and consulted as this project moves forward, and we welcome outreach from those pursuing the grant to build broader community cooperation and collaboration to restore our common natural resource.

Best,

Francine Kerner Klein

Francine Kerner Klein, Chairman
Friendship Heights Village Council