



Springfield, MO

August 23, 2010

Ralph Rognstad
Director of Planning and Development
City of Springfield, MO
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Dear Ralph,

Thank you for presenting the "Link" concept to the Tree City USA Citizens' Advisory Committee during our June meeting. Our committee members unanimously voted to support this concept as yet another way to make Springfield accessible to alternative transportation options. We hope that funding will become available to support this helpful community infrastructure.

The Tree City USA Citizens' Advisory Committee supports projects which assist in the sustainability of our community, and this project will help our citizens use alternative, healthy transportation. We hope this infrastructure of easily accessible bike-friendly streets will allow citizens to travel in a way which will make the importance of our community trees more apparent. Traveling on bike on these low-traffic streets with help from the "Link" system will give users an opportunity to appreciate the beauty of our urban forest.

Thank you for asking for our input on this proposed community project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bridget Dierks". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bridget Dierks
Chair, Tree City USA Citizens' Advisory Committee
Director of Foundation Relations, Community Foundation of the Ozarks