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Indianapolis, IN 46205
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September 24, 2010

United Water
Public Affairs Department
2700 South Belmont Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46221

Dear Green Infrastructure Grant sponsors,

Double 8 Foods is pleased to submit this letter of commitment as the host site for the proposed rain garden at our grocery store at 555 Fairfield Avenue in Indianapolis. This site would benefit greatly from on-site storm water management as, currently, 100% of rain water is directly shunted to the city's storm drains. Additionally, since we contribute space in our parking lot for a metal/plastic/glass recycling bin, it is a natural location to both contribute to and learn about sustainable urban living.

If the grant is successful, Double 8 Foods will be an active partner in the design, installation, and maintenance of the rain garden and cistern. Specifically, we will participate with the Steering Committee during the design and preparation for the rain garden installation. We will also provide water and food for volunteers during installation as well as during the monthly maintenance work parties. Finally, together with volunteers we will provide regular maintenance as needed, including litter removal and watering from the cistern in the first 1-2 years while the native plants are being established.

Please feel free to contact me via phone or email with any questions about Double 8 Foods' commitment or role in this proposal. Thank you for this opportunity to improve the quality of life for residents of Mapleton-Fall Creek.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Isaiah Kuperstein", written over a horizontal line.

Isaiah Kuperstein
President

FISCAL SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT

This is an agreement made on 28 Sep 2010, by and between Mapleton Fall Creek Community Development Corporation and IndyTilth.

Mapleton Fall Creek Community Development Corporation (MFCDC): MFCDC is a nonprofit corporation, exempt from federal tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended (the "Code").

IndyTilth: IndyTilth is an unincorporated organization formed for the purposes of encouraging a healthy urban community and environment by (a) reducing our ecological footprint by conserving natural resources and rebuilding diverse ecosystems, (b) engaging local experts in organic gardening as well as inspiring and teaching individuals in organic growing techniques, and (c) encouraging local food systems by modeling sustainable food practices and supporting local vendors.

The Agreement: MFCDC is willing to receive tax-deductible charitable contributions for the benefit and use of implementing the IndyTilth. IndyTilth, with the administrative assistance of MFCDC, desires to use these funds in order to implement IndyTilth's purposes.

By entering into this Agreement, the parties agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. Receipt of funds: MFCDC agrees to receive grants, contributions and gifts to be used for IndyTilth, and to make those funds available to IndyTilth.
2. Acknowledgment of charitable donations on behalf of IndyTilth: MFCDC agrees that all grants, charitable contributions and gifts which it receives for IndyTilth will be reported as contributions to MFCDC as required by law, and further agrees to acknowledge receipt of any such grant, charitable contribution or gift in writing and to furnish evidence of its status as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) to the donor upon request. MFCDC agrees to notify IndyTilth of any change in its tax-exempt status.
3. Protection of tax-exempt status: IndyTilth agrees not to use funds received from MFCDC in any way which would jeopardize the tax-exempt status of MFCDC. IndyTilth agrees to comply with any written request by MFCDC that it cease activities which might jeopardize MFCDC's tax status, and further agrees that MFCDC's obligation to make funds available to it is suspended in the event that it fails to comply with any such request. Any changes in the purpose for which grant funds are spent must be approved in writing by MFCDC before implementation. MFCDC retains the right, if IndyTilth breaches this Agreement or if IndyTilth jeopardizes MFCDC's legal or tax status, to withhold, withdraw or demand immediate return of grant funds.
4. Use of funds: MFCDC also authorizes IndyTilth to make expenditures, which do not exceed total contributions for IndyTilth, on its behalf for use in IndyTilth. IndyTilth agrees to use any and all funds received from MFCDC solely for legitimate expenses of IndyTilth and to account fully to MFCDC for the disbursement of these funds. On behalf of and with its funds, MFCDC will pay for IndyTilth's direct expenses. MFCDC will obtain authorization from IndyTilth to pay these expenses using IndyTilth's funds.
5. Financial accounting and reporting: MFCDC will maintain books and financial records for IndyTilth in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. IndyTilth's revenue and expenses shall be separately classed in the books of MFCDC. MFCDC will provide reports reflecting revenue and expenses to IndyTilth every six months, and, on an annual basis, within three months after the end of each fiscal year of MFCDC.
6. Termination: Either party may terminate this Agreement by giving 60 days' written notice to the other party. This Agreement will remain in force until the stated end of IndyTilth on Oct 1, 2012 or it is terminated with 60 days written notice by either MFCDC or IndyTilth, whichever date is sooner.
7. Fees of fiscal sponsorship: IndyTilth will pay MFCDC 1% of total contributions for their services as fiscal sponsor.

By signing below, both parties agree to execute this Agreement on the day and year first written above.

MFCDC:

Jackie Nystes
Executive Director

Sept. 28, 2010
Date

IndyTilth:

Sarah Wicks
Director

October 1, 2010

Date



Mapleton-Fall Creek Development Corporation

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September 21, 2010

To whom it may concern:

Mapleton-Fall Creek Development Corporation (MFCDC) is pleased to write a letter of support for IndyTilth's request for funding from the City of Indianapolis' Office of Sustainability, United Water and LISC Green Infrastructure Grant to install a rain garden on the grounds of Mapleton-Fall Creek's Double 8 Foods grocery store.

Mapleton-Fall Creek community excitement regarding greenspace and our intent to embrace the *only* grocery store in our neighborhood encourages the work of IndyTilth and its partners on this project. In 2009, MFCDC determined that the creation of greenspace was among the top two items on our neighbors' list of things most needed and desired in Mapleton-Fall Creek. As a result of this detailed comprehensive planning process, MFCDC places an importance on supporting and providing designated open space for the community. Likewise, Double 8 Foods grocery store provides unrestricted access to fresh foods in our neighborhood. The store's location, at the geographic center of the neighborhood is a quick walk, bike ride, or bus ride for most residents-- leaving the large parking lot highly underutilized. This project will complement the current efforts to create a recycling hub in this underutilized space.

As a supporter and community partner, a MFCDC staff member will serve on the Double 8 Rain Garden Steering Committee. We will also help recruit volunteers to participate in community work parties by including call-outs in our neighborhood newsletter. MFCDC will also recruit volunteers from our organizational database. We recommend and support IndyTilth in their efforts to provide these opportunities to our neighbors through the Green Infrastructure Grant.

Sincerely,

Jackie Nytes

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September 21, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

The Mid-North Church Council of Indianapolis, Indiana is pleased to partner with the IndyTilth Rain Garden on their application to the City of Indianapolis' Office of Sustainability, United Water and LISC Green Infrastructure Grant Program. We are sure the rain garden will enhance the aesthetic of the corner at 34th Street and Park Avenue which faces one of our member churches as well as benefit the environment of the entire neighborhood in which we have a longtime spiritual investment. It will serve as a model for similar "green" collaborations that can bring only good things to Mapleton-Fall Creek neighborhood.

The Mid-North Church Council, one of the oldest faith-based coalitions in the United States, was formed in the 70s. During the 40 years since then, it has sought "to foster greater cooperative and collective efforts in the common ministry of the member churches; and, upon consensus of the members, to advocate for public policy and social services which promote and maintain a peaceful, just, and viable neighborhood and community." Supporting the development and maintenance of a rain garden in the midst of the neighborhood is right in keeping with our mission and goals.

Sincerely,



Sarah W. Blandina

Mid-North Church Council Secretary



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September 24, 2010

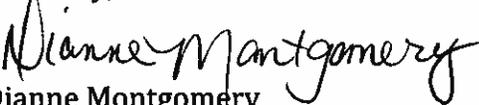
To whom it may concern:

I am writing as the president of the Watson McCord Neighborhood Association to endorse and support Sarah Wiehe's application for the Green Infrastructure Grant for a rain garden at the Double 8 Foods. Watson McCord neighborhood is immediately north of Double 8 Foods and several of our residents use the store or deposit their recycling in the parking lot regularly. I am most excited about this project because of the much needed beautification aspect of the project as well as the possible educational opportunities for the School #43 students and those children who attend the after school programs at Our Redeemer Church and Tabernacle Presbyterian Church.

Our neighborhood has many residents interested in gardening and the environment. We would welcome the opportunity to share dates/times of the maintenance work parties with our residents through our monthly neighborhood association meetings and email lists.

In sum, Watson McCord Neighborhood Association strongly supports the Double 8 Foods Rain Garden Green Infrastructure Grant proposal. There is a great need for this type of project in our area!

Sincerely,


Dianne Montgomery
President, Watson McCord Neighborhood Association

Our Mission:

The Watson-McCord Neighborhood Association exists to promote, create and maintain a viable and productive living environment conducive to neighborhood enhancement. We provide our members services, representation, programs and a commitment to enhance quality of life through community-based problem solving, neighborhood-oriented services and public/private cooperation.



Celebrating 100 years

September 22, 2010

Sarah Wiehe
3370 Broadway Street
Indianapolis, IN 46205

Dear Sarah,

As president of the Historic Meridian Park Neighborhood Association, I am writing this letter in support of your application for the Green Infrastructure Grant Program to build a rain garden along E 34th Street and N Park Avenue, bordering the Double 8 Foods parking lot.

As you know, Historic Meridian Park is a neighborhood immediately west of the Double 8 Foods. Given its proximity, it is a convenient location for groceries. In addition, you and I worked hard to move the recycling bin to the Double 8 Foods parking lot which I am pleased to find is being used extensively and without attracting unwanted dumping. Despite these amenities, the Double 8 Foods parking lot and surrounding area are blighted in a highly visible area. Everything is covered in asphalt with no green space to speak of and is not at all inviting to patrons or residents of our neighborhoods. I find your application especially appealing though because, in addition to improving the 'look and feel' of this high traffic area within our neighborhood, it will both reduce the amount of rain water entering our storm water system and provide education for our neighbors! For all of these reasons, there is no better place to implement this within our neighborhood.

Specifically, we would be happy to promote this award in our newsletter. We would also recruit volunteers using this newsletter, in our neighborhood association meetings, and through our neighborhood e-mail blasts for the monthly work parties. I have no doubt that this opportunity will be met with great enthusiasm among many of our residents.

In short, I am delighted to partner with you on this application.

Sincerely,

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Douglas B. Day
President, Historic Meridian Park Neighborhood Association

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August 12, 2010

As the Regional Manager for Midwest Management and Compliance, LLC with an office located at Constitution Gardens 3433 Central Avenue I am excited to hear about the proposed rain garden across the street. Our property is located just across Fairfield Avenue to the north of Double 8 Foods. I can speak for not only my more than 100 residents but also for myself and my staff when I say that we would be thrilled to see this happen and that we would also be willing to be a part of the upkeep and maintenance needed to help sustain it.

We lend our support to this fantastic endeavor along with IndyTilth and Double 8 foods.

Regards,

Nikki Moore

Nikki Moore
Regional Manager
Community Liaison
MWMAC