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January 26, 2015

Ms. Vanessa Koster
City of Milwaukee DCD
841 N. Broadway
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Ms. Koster,

Enclosed are the application materials for your review for the Riverwalk connection at 2134 N. Riverboat Road, per our meeting January 7, 2015.

As Milwaukee's urban rivers land trust, and in accordance with the Greenway overlay protective zoning as well as grant funding source guidelines (Sustain Our Great Lakes through the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation), we request the following variances to the applicable SPROZ guidelines for this project:

#7 – Riverwalk is 6' wide and is of crushed stone. Because of space limitations at the site, a wider trail is not possible without compromising the integrity of the shoreline restoration.

#10 - This design feature IS ADA compliant and was reviewed by IndependenceFirst during the planning process.

#11 - Crushed stone is a more pervious surface to assist with stormwater runoff and pollutant loading into the adjacent river.

#12 – no lighting is incorporated into the site; this is a short span of riverwalk (about 100 feet) and a transition from the Riverwalk downtown to the natural river valley upstream. Lights are installed at each end of this section (Stubby's and the North Avenue pedestrian bridge).

#13 – the Riverwalk ends at this location. No connections upstream will be made as then you are in the protected Greenway overlay zone.

Additional organization/site information:

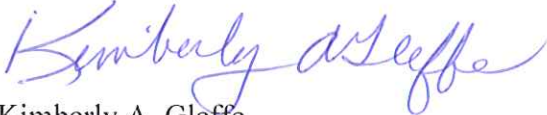
RRF is a nonprofit land trust with an emphasis on conservation, habitat restoration, water quality and public access. This site is an important connection and transition from the Riverwalk downtown to the Milwaukee River Greenway, protected by ordinance as a natural river valley.

Site plan/design reflects desired amenities for this transition – crushed stone surface, no lighting, curved trail with switchback to the water's edge and to the terraced Kiwanis Landing, native plants and trees with landscaping that includes rain gardens, berms, in-stream fish habitat and other features to reduce runoff and pollutant loading into the Milwaukee River.

A cost estimate and a letter of support from IndependenceFirst are also included with this application.

Note that since this parcel is in the public domain through RRFs nonprofit, tax exempt status, there is no need for a public access easement with the city, nor will any funds be returned to the TIF. This is a critical closing of the gap between Commerce and the river valley that provides access to the river for all people to enjoy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Kimberly A. Gleffe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Kimberly A. Gleffe
Executive Director