

United States Senate

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July 14, 2023

The Honorable Tom Vilsack
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue, SW Suite 520-A
Washington, DC 20250-0121

Dear Secretary Vilsack:

I am pleased to write in support of the application submitted by Olmsted City of greater Utica, in partnership with the City of Utica, to the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry grants program.

Olmsted City is a program sponsored by the non-profit Landmarks Society of Greater Utica, that seeks to promote the well-being of and awareness about the parks and neighborhoods in and around Utica, NY that were designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr. and his firm. Working in partnership with the City of Utica, Olmsted City will work to revitalize the F.T. Proctor Park. The F.T. Proctor Park Restoration Project, with funding from the Urban and Community Forestry grants program, includes: tree planting and maintenance, invasive species removal and control, water conservation, trail revitalization, new benches, signage, a natural material play area and a yearly community-wide "BioBlitz."

I applaud Olmsted City of Greater Utica for its foresight and sincerely hope the application is met with your approval. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or my grants coordinator at (202) 224-6542. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator