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Woodridge Park District Attn: Chris Pollock 2600 Center Drive Woodridge, IL 60517

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Stephanie Adams, I am an arborist, plant pathologist, and plant health care leader at The Morton Arboretum. I have been working with the Woodridge Park District staff for about seven years on projects related to the health, longevity, and well-being of the trees in the Woodridge Park District.

I'm writing this letter in support of the woodland restoration project associate with the Jubilee Point Park Natural Area development. While the initial stages of the project will appear startling, the future the area will be a highly valuable and a regularly utilized natural area enjoyed by the community. Developing greenspaces contributes to the health and well-being of community members and it supports native flora and fauna, and biodiversity.

The Park District has previously successfully demonstrated its ability and dedication toward developing greenspaces for the community. Managed greenspaces allow for a wide range of residents and visitors to escape into nature in ways that are easily accessible and comfortable. These beautiful greenspaces make spending time in nature relaxing and fun for the whole family.

I'm looking forward to visiting Jubilee Point Park with my family in the future.

Kind regards,

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