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Dear ITEP Grant Selection Committee:

I proudly lend my support to the City of Geneseo's Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program grant application to fund their Pedestrian Bridge and Historical Landing project.

The key features of this project, namely the safety, business, and historical preservation components, clearly align with the scope of what the Illinois General Assembly intended for when creating this funding stream.

I am very happy to see the tremendous amount of local community support for this project, which resulted in the return of over 500 online surveys in the first 72 hours it went live this past weekend. I wish the City of Geneseo the best of luck in the competitive grant-awarding process and their truly worth project.

Thank you for your consideration and please let me know if I can provide any more information on this beneficial use of state funds for our great, hardworking citizens.

Respectfully,

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Win Stoller
State Senator, 37th District

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DANIEL M. SWANSON
STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 74TH DISTRICT

September 27, 2022

Omer Osman, Secretary
Illinois Department of Transportation
2300 South Dirksen Parkway
Springfield, Illinois 62764

Dear Secretary Osman,

I am pleased to write this letter to express support for the City of Geneseo in its pursuit to secure Illinois Transportation Program (ITEP) funding. Geneseo is proposing a pedestrian bridge and historical landing project across the Geneseo Creek at the intersections of S. State St. and Oakwood Avenue.

Currently, pedestrians and bicyclists are forced to walk across the vehicular bridge, which puts both the pedestrians and the vehicle passengers at risk, as evidenced by the five vehicular collisions that occurred in the last year in this vicinity. The current vehicular bridge is too narrow to accommodate a walking path, so a separate pedestrian bridge is required for the safety of Geneseo's residents and visitors. The pedestrian bridge will empty into a historical landing, where the marker for Geneseo's first log cabin will be located.

I fully support the efforts of the City of Geneseo to obtain ITEP funding for this very important community project. Geneseo is committed to improving economic growth to the community as a benefit highlighted by this project. Geneseo has the necessary matching funds to undertake this pedestrian bridge project to enrich safety and enjoyment for visitors and residents to Geneseo.

Sincerely,

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Daniel M. Swanson
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September 19, 2022

Dear ITEP Grant Selection Committee,

As businesses in the direct vicinity of the proposed Pedestrian Bridge and Historical Landing project near the Geneseo Creek, we wholeheartedly support the funding of and completion of the pedestrian bridge. We believe that the pedestrian bridge will bring increased traffic to our establishments in terms of walkers and bicyclists. As businesses who are supported by and who also support the local community, we believe that this project will be a very positive step forward for the business-positive environment in the City of Geneseo.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Kelly Wolf


Caffeine & Carbs

Ivy Lin



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MARY VANDEMORE GUSTAFSON

Honorary State Regent
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903 South Spring Street
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September 22, 2022

ITEP Grant Selection Committee

RE: City of Geneseo's Pedestrian Bridge and Historical Landing Project

Dear Grant Administrators,

This Letter confirms my support for the City of Geneseo's proposed Pedestrian Bridge and Historical Landing Project. I am specifically supportive of the city's goal of incorporating the marker designating the site of Geneseo's first log cabin, which will more accurately locate the marker near the cabin's original location near the Geneseo Creek. I am happy to confirm that the Geneseo Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), for which I am the advocate for this project, has committed to spending approximately \$1,000 for a new plaque to accompany the marker.

The project is an important step in the continued effort of preserving Geneseo's rich history for future generations.

I fully support the City's application for this Grant. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mary V. Gustafson,
Geneseo Chapter
Daughters of the American Revolution

Geneseo Historical Museum

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September 23, 2022

To Whom It Concerns;

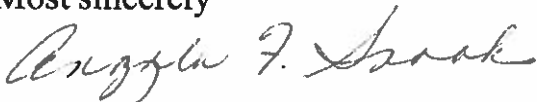
As Curator and historian of the Geneseo Historical Museum I am writing this letter in support of the new Pedestrian Bridge and Historical Landing project proposed by the city of Geneseo. In 1836 the first pioneers arrived at this spot to form the city of Geneseo, IL. The site of the first log cabin was at the intersection of route 82 and S. State St. The new proposed Historical Landing will verify the spot of the original location of the first three log cabins. The DAR Boulder, signifying the location, would be placed at the area of the Historical Landing. The Henry County Historical Society and I verify this to be correct. Visitors to Geneseo will be able to see where the original families settled and the history of Geneseo will continue to stay alive for future generations.

The new Pedestrian Bridge would enable walkers to safely cross the Geneseo Creek to see this historical area as well as safely get to restaurants, motels and other businesses. This bridge is very much needed. As of now walkers must join the two way traffic to cross over the creek to get to these locations. This Pedestrian Bridge is vital to the community and pedestrians. This Pedestrian Bridge will take people to the roots and beginning of Geneseo and to the new business corridor.

Please feel free to contact me with questions, concerns or documentation about this historic site.

I hope you will consider this project for safety reasons and to help preserve our Geneseo history.

Most sincerely



Angela F. Snook

Curator & Director



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Geneseo Police Department

September 19, 2022

Dear ITEP Grant Selection Committee,

I support the Pedestrian Bridge and Historical Landing project presented by the City of Geneseo. Unequivocally if this concept can come to life the safety of anyone using this bridge will be enhanced ten-fold. Walkers, runners, and bicyclist will have a safe option to cross the Geneseo Creek without putting themselves at risk of a traffic crash. If completed, vehicular traffic will not have the chance of being involved in a traffic collision with a pedestrian or bicyclist. I feel this is a need and we are lucky so far that a serious collision with life threatening injuries and/or a death hasn't occurred. Having this needed safe option to cross the Geneseo Creek will ensure the safety of all who use this bridge. If chosen the benefit to this community will be immediately felt by many. On a daily basis I see a large number of non-drivers using this bridge to complete a wide variety of task that include exercise, travel to and from work and getting to the grocery stores south of the bridge for needed items to provide for their families. Having the pedestrian bridge option would take these everyday normal life activities from a high risk to a low risk for those using the pedestrian bridge. Having this pedestrian bridge crossing will cement that the pedestrian's using it will be able to safely travel without facing off head-to-head with vehicular traffic that may or may not be paying attention. The focus on getting this pedestrian bridge completed is truly about safety and doing what we can to protect the public from unnecessary risk. Thanks for your consideration and feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Casey Disterhoft

Geneseo Police Department

Chief of Police

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