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Mr. Will Abberger
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Dear Mr. Abberger,

By this letter, The City of Saint Paul officially requests technical advice and assistance from your organization in connection with our efforts to develop a program to finance land conservation and recreation and a potential related ballot measure. As part of your advice and assistance, I understand you may conduct public opinion research, study local laws and recent elections, and evaluate the feasibility of acquisition, in fee or through conservation easements, of key properties.

We are interested not only in the factual information that you can provide to us, but also your organization's opinions and recommendations on public funding measures available to us and strategies to enact such measures. That would include understanding the public's priorities and attitudes regarding land conservation and other issues currently facing the City of Saint Paul and how the public would respond to different methods of presenting those issues. Although your submissions will be directed to the Department Parks and Recreation's attention, I understand that your responses to this request will be for the general use of the City of Saint Paul.

This request will continue in effect for any advice you offer or presentations you submit related to such matters. In addition, we would like to take this opportunity to request that you continue to be available to provide technical advice and assistance in this area and on related matters in the future.

Thank you for your organization's contributions to the work of the City of Saint Paul.

Sincerely,


Chris Coleman
Mayor