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To Whom It May Concern,

As an active participant in Kankakee Community College's Council for Community Sustainability and as coordinator for Green Drinks, Kankakee, I am pleased to write this letter verifying that this program is unique and ground-breaking here in Kankakee. I am also happy to report that these programs are starting to get a lot of support from our local newspapers, radio stations, different government agencies, and various local civic leaders.

We started Green Drinks in 2011 on the heels of a similar program, Green Happenings, which we conducted in partnership with local libraries. We have been successful in building a following of sustainability-oriented citizens, and our monthly programs each bring in between 15 and 40 community members. We have had a variety of topics in 2011, including: "*Why Save Old Wood,*" "*Green Fire: Aldo Leopold and A Land Ethic for Our Time,*" "*The Kankakee River—Its Past, Present, and Future,*" "*Cars of the Future: What's Out There,*" etc.

We expect our attendance and participation to grow dramatically in 2012. We have an exciting line up of programs that is already drawing a lot of attention. These programs will again cover a broad spectrum of Green topics and will feature some well-known speakers who have agreed to present programs. We have the Chair of the Chicago Chapter USGBC coming, who will talk on recycling in downtown Chicago, the instructor hired by the State of IL to conduct workshops on the new IECC codes relating to energy efficient materials, and the Head of Urban Conservation at the Field Museum, who will talk about land restoration. In addition, the Green Drinks format not only provides education and awareness, but allows an hour for networking in a relaxed setting so that like-minded people can meet and exchange ideas. What is amazing is that all of our speakers do these programs without any compensation because they care about the future of our environment, and they just want more people to get on board and care as well.

I am very pleased to participate in this work and am grateful to Kankakee Community College, Bert Jacobson, and Richard Schultz for their involvement in fostering these programs, and doing the many tasks that it takes to pull them off. This is truly a win- win situation.

Sincerely,



Gail Wallace, President
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