



January 12, 2015

Bryn Bird  
Director  
Canal Market District  
25 East Walnut Street  
Newark, OH 43055

Dear Ms. Bird,

This letter confirms collaboration and partnership between Denison University and the Canal Market District for the *Local Food Economy and Access Planning Project* proposal being submitted to the USDA Community Food Projects program.

The project has already drawn broad community involvement in planning and decision-making and this project lends itself to continue the work. The scope of partnership and services will include an evaluative and planning process in direct communication with low-income individuals and families in our community who can benefit from increased access to local and affordable fresh food and usage of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program at the Canal Market District in Newark, OH. Those utilizing the program will be in direct decision-making and planning activities. Our partnership is part of a larger national effort to ensure that everyone has equal access and economic development around local food economies.

Below is an outline of the partnership specifics we discussed:

- Improve access to local food as part of a comprehensive plan and permanent market district. This includes ensuring Newark community engagement.
- Ensuring market allows for ease of access to low-income Newark residents and those with disabilities.
- The development of innovative connections between food sectors and industries.
- The support of developing creative new food access resources
- Creating nutrition education programs for at-risk populations to enhance food purchasing and food preparation skills and to heighten awareness of the connection between diet and health.

The scope of the work will include our organizational partnership through in-kind collaborative efforts from our ENVS Junior Practicum Class, the Environmental Studies Program and the Office of Sustainability. Evaluation results are intended to direct the project but also allows for feedback and a learning tool for all of those involved within the community.

Sincerely,

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Denison University has been a committed partner of the project since the beginning. The University is committed to encouraging long-term planning activities and multi-system approaches with collaborations from multiple stakeholders that build the long-term capacity of communities to address the food and agricultural problems of the community. Denison University has played a central role in the development of the local food council and is looking forward to continuing in developing creative food access solutions.

**IN KIND DONATION:**

Technical support for the planning project includes research and technical support from the Environmental Studies Program.

Our good faith estimate of current fair market value for Dr. Kaplan's, Dr. Aguilar's, and Dr. Henshaw's Junior Practicum classes research and technical support during the project period of January 2015 – May 2016 is \$25,200. The contribution will be made during the project period to be included as matching support for the grant proposal.

We look forward to building a healthier Licking County together.

Sincerely,

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