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I would like to express my support for the City of Pittsfield's West Branch of the Housatonic Revitalization Project. A Greenway connecting Clapp Park to Wahconah Park in Pittsfield will create an outdoor center of activity, providing health benefits, recreational opportunities and public access to the river for our community. Its presence will encourage the conservation of open space with environmentally conscious development and preservation of riverfront property and will recreate and enhance wildlife habitat. As an urban trail, supervised by the City, it will be the first of its kind in Pittsfield and will serve as a buffer to protect the Housatonic River as a natural and cultural resource.

The City is hard at work on a revitalization plan for its Westside neighborhood with the Greenway as an essential element. The proposed action items that come out of the Greenway plan will provide important environmental and socio-economic benefits. Please also refer to the wide range of support letters that were written for this proposal as a testament to the enthusiasm of our community for this project.

Respectfully submitted,

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