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To: Todd Chadwell
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To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Project Native founder and Executive Director Raina Weber for many years. She has always been a hard working, competent, caring and community-oriented person. She proved that by starting Project Native and continues to prove it by following through with every goal and project she develops (with a great deal of well-deserved support from her outstanding and dedicated staff, Board of Directors and the community).

Restoring woodland and wetland habitat along the Housatonic River is much-needed, here, as the watershed and many of the native species of plants that help control erosion and support local wildlife are being threatened by pollution and invasive species. I can think of no better team or organization to accomplish this huge task. Project Native has the experience, motivation and support to educate the public and restore and preserve the native habitat that makes our Berkshires such a beautiful place to be.

I am completely supportive of Project Native in this grant proposal and project.

Sincerely,

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