



## VILLAGE CIRCLE ESTATES OWNERS ASSOCIATION DYER INDIANA

1/22/15

Dear Mr. Heintz,

As current members of the Village Circle homeowners association Board of Directors we fully support your application for a grant from the American Water Charitable Foundation. We feel that a grant from American Water will benefit our community in many ways. We are an amazing community filled with young families with children and are lucky enough to have an undeveloped green space that could be transformed into a nature based playground.

Receiving a grant to develop our space into a nature based playground will not only provide a safe, healthy and natural environment for our children to play in, the site will also be used as a platform to educate a person of any age about our environment and natural resources. Being in an urban setting we lack the natural, open spaces where our children can run and play in a safe environment away from the flow of traffic. The site is perfect, being adjacent to a naturalized storm water detention area and within close proximity to the Dyer ditch, to inform our community of the importance of water conservation and management.

We currently have over 530 households in our area with an additional 130 to be added in the near future. Our area is isolated from other parks and natural amenities by distance and busy roads. The children are unable to walk or ride a bicycle safely to any natural play area do to our location and thus do not benefit from the experiences of playing with all the neighborhood children and enjoying nature on a regular basis.

With the issues of decreasing natural resources we feel it is important that all our residents are educated on the importance of preserving all our resources. We feel this park will become a focal point for families and its educational aspects will have a lasting impression on the children throughout their lives and on the parents and grandparents who will learn about conservation alongside their children and grandchildren.

On behalf of the Village Circle Board of Directors,

Faisal Karim  
Board President