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PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR)
Bureau of Recreation & Conservation (BRC)

Re: Heavy Equipment Pledge for 2022 DCNR Construction Grant Application by ARTinCC

Dear DCNR:

I strongly support ARTinCC's April, 2022 grant application to construct the first mile of the non-motorized biking / pedestrian / jogging trail from Foxburg to Emlenton. ([Make this your personal statement. Examples follow: This project will improve opportunities along the Allegheny River for everyone who uses all Rails to Trails for recreation and transportation. Closing this gap will help complete the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail, and contribute to tourists visiting the area. Local residents will be able to commute along the trail using non-motorized vehicles which is increasingly important to our environment. Many studies have demonstrated major economic benefits to towns along the bike trail systems. This trail project will directly benefit businesses in Emlenton and Foxburg and Parker.](#) I have supported ARTinCC's efforts to date with either volunteer equipment commitments or labor, and expect to continue supporting them in the future. I have committed to provide use of my heavy equipment by ARTinCC to help build the trail, even in advance of the April 2022 grant application, and expect to continue making this equipment available to ARTinCC during the life of the grant if awarded.

I understand that ARTinCC must provide substantial written match commitments by April 6, 2022, in order to be eligible for DCNR funding over the likely 4-year length of the grant. I can provide heavy equipment use to help meet this match, provided my health, my financial wherewithal, and the health of my close family members, permits me to fulfill my commitment. With that said, I own the following heavy equipment that I will make available to ARTinCC for constructing the first mile of the bike trail north of Foxburg:

Examples follow:

- Tractor with front end loader and Brushhog - IH 584, 60 hp, 60" Woods Brushhog. Photo of me with this equipment attached.
- Skidloader with bucket and root grapple - Bobcat S-160, 60hp, 0.5 cu yd bucket, 60" grapple. Photo of me with this equipment attached.
- Excavator - _____Mfgr., _____ Model, __ cubic foot Bucket, photo of me with my excavator attached.
- Grubber / Forester - _____Mfgr., _____ Model, photo of me with this equipment attached.
- Truck and Construction Trailer - _____Mfgr., _____ Model, photo of me with this equipment attached.

ARTinCC, specific businesses, and Senate Engineering, as part of the grant application, have quantified the number of hours of specific heavy equipment use needed to accomplish the grant application. Attached is a schedule of how my equipment might be put to use for specific tasks of the project. I pledge to make my equipment available, in conjunction with other alternative donors of such equipment use, when needed by ARTinCC during the project to accomplish the attached schedule of activities. I will operate my own equipment or provide a qualified operator. ARTinCC has agreed to pay for fuel for the equipment, and line up transportation to and from the jobsite if I lack an appropriate truck and trailer.

If the grant is awarded late in 2022, I understand the contract between ARTinCC and DCNR probably will be signed in the first quarter of 2023. I pledge to make my equipment available during the life of the 4-year project. In addition, I will make my equipment available even before early 2023, since I am aware that ARTinCC is intending to accomplish non-match tasks in advance of the grant, in order to reduce the size of the grant application to DCNR. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any additional information that may be desired.

Very truly yours,

John Doe

Cc: ARTinCC