

MODEL VOLUNTEER LABOR COMMITMENT LETTER

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

Re: Volunteer Labor or Business Commitment to 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. This project will improve recreational opportunities along the Allegheny River for everyone, help complete the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail, and contribute to tourists visiting the area which will directly benefit businesses in Emlenton and Foxburg. *(Include any personal feelings about the trail project)*. I have supported ARTinCC's efforts to date with *(Include all that apply - volunteer labor, donated equipment, donated business services, donated construction materials)* and I expect to continue supporting them in the future.

I understand that ARTinCC must provide substantial match commitments by April 6, 2022, in order to be eligible for DCNR funding over the likely 4-year length of the grant. I want to support this effort, provided my health, financial wherewithal, and the health of my close family members, permits me to fulfill my commitment.

A) FORMAT TO VOLUNTEER LABOR :

I am able bodied, and capable of mild to moderate construction labor, such as the following tasks related to the scope of work for the grant project:

- Itemize what the volunteer is capable of fulfilling along with other similar volunteers.
- *(Clearing brush, cutting trees, digging, moving materials, etc)*

I commit to providing ___ hours of such volunteer labor per year for the 4 years of the project, presumed to begin after the first quarter of 2023

B) FORMAT TO DONATE MATERIALS OR BUSINESS SERVICES:

I own and operate the following business, and commit to providing the following materials and/or business activities during the 4 year length of the project:

The following are examples of services and materials donated:

- I own a large landscaping business with sizable equipment and staff. I am aware that the ARTinCC project involves the following task that I am uniquely qualified to provide: topsoil, mulching, and seed application on the shoulders once the 1 mile of the trail surface has been applied. I understand the design specs for the trail and shoulders for this mile, and my good faith bid for the project would be \$ _____. I agree to do the job for this amount, and discount ___% of the price as a donation to construction of the trail.
- Ernst Seed Co. in _____ (website), provides various mixes of grass seed for a wide variety of industrial, commercial and residential uses, including the shoulders of bike trails. I recommend _____ seed mix for the shoulders of the bike trail once the trail surface has been applied. I understand that Advanced Edge Landscaping has estimated that _____ pounds of seed will be needed for the sides of the first mile of the trail. My current price per 100# bag is \$_____. I commit to providing the necessary amount of seed, several years from now, at a ___% discount from the then contractor discount price per 100# bag (or I commit to donating the following amount of pounds).
- I own and operate a steel fabrication plant on Neville Island, _____, that fabricates large outdoor industrial platforms and structures for utility companies and others. I understand that ARTinCC may erect a small wooden bridge spanning a ravine (photo of such bridge on the Franklin PA AVTA bike trail attached). This bridge has a steel structure below the wooden bridge. I commit that my company, once given the drawings by the engineers, will fabricate and deliver the steel structure to the site for final erection, at cost. Whether the steel structure will be assembled onsite or in my shop is a fabricating decision given its size and characteristics. My company will do the job for the following discount, as compared to our bid to a commercial client for the same work - _____ % of cost or \$_____ .
- My family's company, _____, is a primary sawmill and wood products company in the Allegheny Clarion River Valley. I agree that my company will donate wooden beams and other wooden products to ARTinCC for this project as follows, after review of Senate Engineering's itemization of the tasks that need to be done for the project – on the Itemized Schedule of wood attached. The fair market value to a contractor of these materials is as follows: \$_____.
- Tailor other such donations as per the details of the business.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for any additional information that may be desired.

Very truly,

John & Jane Doe

Cc: ARTinCC

