

COLUMBIA CORRIDOR
A S S O C I A T I O N

Pat Oman
Oregon Water Enhancement Board
775 Summer Street NE, Suite 360
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June 12, 2006

Subject: Lower Columbia Slough Habitat Restoration and Education Project

Dear Ms. Oman,

It is a pleasure to write in support of the Columbia Slough Watershed Council's OWEB Local Innovation Fund grant application. The proposed grant would help fund the Children's Arboretum Park, a project important to both the residents and businesses of the Columbia Corridor.

The Columbia Corridor Association (CCA) is a non-profit organization representing the interests of over 2,000 Columbia Corridor businesses. CCA works to educate businesses on options that can lead to savings, assist in understanding and meeting environmental development regulations, review and advise on regulatory modifications, and hold events for fundraising and business visibility.

Several of CCA's members are adjacent to the Children's Arboretum Park and are likely to become involved in assisting in some way with this project. CCA representatives will act as liaison between project sponsors and the business community to make sure those businesses are aware of their options for assistance and will also make the membership at-large aware of the ability to participate.

CCA always enjoys working with the partners of this project in making the Columbia Corridor a better place to live and work, and looks forward to a successful project.

Sincerely,



Corky Collier
Executive Director