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Katrina Howey, Grants Management Specialist
The Land Trust Alliance - NY
112 Spring Street
Saratoga Springs, New York 12866

Dear Ms. Howey:

The Town of Moreau enthusiastically supports conservation of the Southern Palmertown area in northern Saratoga County. I write to support the request for funding from the NYS Conservation Partnership Program for the Open Space Institute's proposal to hire a Project Manager to provide support for this effort.

The Project Manager will work with Saratoga PLAN, the Town of Moreau and other partners to coordinate joint efforts to implement the recommendations in the recently completed plan. This endeavor will promote wildlife habitat and water resource conservation coupled with compatible economic development activities such as timber management and outdoor recreation in the Palmertown area.

The 62-square mile Southern Palmertown Range area has been identified as a conservation priority in a number of regional, state, county, and local plans. This region includes headwaters to important stream and wetland systems, extensive tracts of forest, state parks and forests, and proximity to three growing population centers that have attracted the attention of numerous public and private partners.

A grant to hire the services of a Project Manager will enable the diverse interests to collaborate in a structured and coordinated fashion. The end result will be better communication and results toward the shared goals outlined in the plan.

I encourage you to look favorably on the Open Space Institute's request for funding for this project. If you would like to discuss the Town's support in greater detail, please feel free to reach out to me.

Sincerely,


Theodore T. Kusnierz, Supervisor
Town of Moreau

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