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Community Stormwater Solutions Grant Program
Stormwater Management Division
Department of Energy & Environment
Government of the District of Columbia
1200 First Street NE, 5th Floor
Washington, DC 20002

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter of support to acknowledge the Brookland Neighborhood Civic Association's (BNCA) support of Charles Bergen Studios' application for the Community Storm Water Solutions grant. The two-part proposal would:

- 1) Remove paved area from the Isle of Patmos Church's Parking lot and replace it with rain gardens, plantings and educational signage that passersby can easily read will greatly benefit the NE Corner of the intersection.
- 2) Replacing the two dead trees behind the Brick Welcome to Brookland sign and also providing plantings that do not require regular mowing will greatly improve the green aspects of the NW corner of the intersection.

We have known Charles for many years in his capacity as an artist and a sustainable design professional working in the Brookland community. We were happy to provide him, as a holiday gift on behalf of BNCA, \$250 to support the Scarlet Oak Leaf sculpture that is a part of this project. The southern end of 12th Street in the Brookland community is sorely in need of beautification projects like this one. Currently, the City is failing to keep up the maintenance of the Brookland welcoming sign and public space at the intersection with Rhode Island Avenue. This project remedies that neglect. In addition to the original, DC-centric artwork of this local artist, the project provides environmental enhancements through the use of stormwater management landscaping.

Should you have any questions about our support, please do not hesitate to contact me via phone or email at 202-749-0127 and daniel.p.schramm@gmail.com. Many thanks for your consideration of Charles Bergen Studios' application for the community. I hope you will find this project worthy of your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel Schramm".

Daniel Schramm
President, BNCA

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