

Town of Vernon

March 9, 2023

Erika Siebenthal
Grants Coordinator
Indiana Department of Natural Resources
Division of State Parks
Community Trails and Grants
402 W. Washington Street, Room 298
Indianapolis, IN 46204

RE: Historic Vernon to Muscatatuck Park Vinegar Mill Overlook Trail
Extension and Modification Request

Grant #: NLT-02-08

Dear Ms. Siebenthal,

As you know from other correspondence and phone conversations, this project is behind schedule, and the Quarterly Reports that had been provided were misleading – a design firm has not been procured, nor work started to date on survey, design, or acquisition, and it will not be ready for a March 2023 letting or to begin construction until March of 2024.

The new Town administration is effective as of the date of this letter, and our goal as is to get back on track and make this a successful project. We are working with a new committee and Project Manager to assemble the necessary elements.

As such we have developed the attached detailed schedule, and request a formal extension based on the following summary of items similar to those listed in the Grant Agreement:

- August 2023 Environmental Approval
- November 2023 Final Plans Submitted to DNR for review prior to submission of permit
- December 2023 Submit Permits
- March 2024 Bidding
- February 2025 Substantial Completion
- April 2025 Grand Opening Ceremony

Due to cost changes over time, and the budget constraints of the grant, we also request a formal modification that will allow for the following to be listed as Bid Alternates to the Contract Documents:

- Shelter House at School Field
- Shelter House at the Commons
- Overlook
- Restroom at the Commons

These alternates are not in any particular order and will be selected as best meets the budget.

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We appreciate your consideration in making this a successful project. The Town and community are very supportive of wishing to see this project continue forward.

We look forward to speaking with you and will follow up on this request during our Teams meeting scheduled with you on March 16, 2023 at 10:00 am.

Let us know if you have any questions or desire any additional information.

Sincerely Yours,

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