

Parks and Trails Advisory Board  
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Urban Forestry Inflation Reduction Act Subaward Program  
Region 6 of the United State Forest Service (USFS)

**RE: Letter of Support for Tickle Creek Park & Trail Restoration Project**

Dear ODF Urban & Community Forestry Review Committee,

On behalf of the Sandy Parks and Trails Advisory Board, I am writing to express our strong support for the Tickle Creek Park & Trail Restoration Project. This project is an important step toward preserving and enhancing one of our community's most beloved natural areas, and we believe it aligns perfectly with the goals of the grant program to advance equity, well-being, and resilience through investment in urban and community green spaces.

Tickle Creek Park & Trail is a vital resource for the residents of Sandy, offering an extensive network of trails and open spaces that provide opportunities for recreation, connection to nature, and community gathering. Over time, severe weather, stream erosion, and tree loss have taken a toll on the health and accessibility of the park. The restoration project's comprehensive approach—evaluating current conditions, planning, and implementing effective solutions—will not only address these immediate needs but also ensure that Tickle Creek remains a thriving natural asset for future generations.

The Parks and Trails Advisory Board is particularly supportive of this project's focus on enhancing the park's ecosystem, improving habitat for native species, and fostering connections with underserved community members. We commend the emphasis on engaging local organizations and volunteer groups throughout the planning and implementation process, which will support community-building and increase stewardship of our natural resources. The planned efforts will also contribute to the overall health and resilience of our urban and community forestry, while providing inclusive access to outdoor experiences.

As an advisory board, we are committed to ensuring that Sandy's parks and trails are managed and developed to benefit all members of the community. The Tickle Creek Park & Trail Restoration Project aligns with our objectives by creating opportunities for immersive outdoor recreation, enhancing environmental education, and strengthening our local green infrastructure. By funding this project, you will enable critical restoration work that will improve park access, ecological health, and community well-being in Sandy.

We fully endorse this project and respectfully urge you to support its funding. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Don Robertson

Chair, Parks and Trails Advisory Board

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