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Butch Kisiah, Director
Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Department
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Dear Mr. Kisiah:


As we noted in previous communications, Joe Herzenberg was a former Town Council member and 7 year member of the Town's Greenways Commission. Joe passed away in 2007 and left an amount in excess of \$308,000 to the non-profit Friends of the Chapel Hill Parks, Recreation, and Greenways to be used for the Bolin Creek Trail.

The Board of the Friends previously agreed to offer to the Town \$15,000 to be used for a preliminary assessment of the existing portion of the Bolin Creek Trail from Community Center Park to Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

The Board has now agreed to provide an additional \$30,000 to be used as the local match for \$120,000 in funding through the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the design and construction of a flight of stairs to access the Bolin Creek Trail from the north side of Franklin Street. We understand that in this difficult financial climate that the Town does not have the needed local match in the Manager's recommended FY 2009-10 budget. It is our desire that the project not be delayed.

We hope that the Town is willing to accept this gift in order to help increase safe access to one of the Town's best recreation and transportation facilities.

Sincerely,



Jim Earnhardt,
Chair