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Dear Alicia,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Hamilton Conservation Foundation, thank you to the Hamilton Future Fund Board of Governors for approving our request for funding for the construction of a viewing platform in Canal Park in Dundas.

I have forwarded the signed funding agreement for the project to Marcin Zukowski as requested, but wanted to send an update on the project as well to be shared with the Future Fund Board of Governors.

Officially opened in 2016, Canal Park transformed a one-acre contaminated greenhouses property into a park in the heart of Dundas. The gateway to the Cootes to Escarpment EcoPark System, the property provides much-needed green space for the many species at risk in the corridor, and an oasis at the edge of the Desjardins Canal for Dundas residents and visitors.

The Viewing Platform will fully transform the former greenhouses property into a gateway into Dundas.

Initial design, permits and tender for the project were completed late last year. With funding that we had already received from other donors, we were able to begin construction of the first stage of the platform earlier this year. With the confirmation of this funding from the Hamilton Future Fund, we are now able to continue construction of the second stage without stopping, which will mean the project will be fully completed and available to the community sooner.

I look forward to sharing further updates and scheduling an official community opening of the platform later in the year and hope that members of the Hamilton Future Fund Board of Governors will be able to join us at that time.

Thank you again for the investment in this project and the community through the Hamilton Conservation Foundation.

Regards,

Grace Correia
Executive Director