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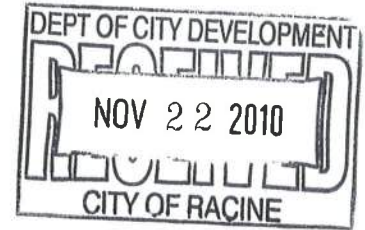
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October 22, 2010

Dear Mr O'Connell,

The Root River Council has been working in partnership with City administration and community members for over five years in compiling input, developing networks, and creating a plan for the revitalization of the Root River in downtown Racine. We are looking to implement this conceptual plan "Back to the Root" adopted by Common Council in 2008, and wish to request consideration for Community Development Block Grant Local Option funds as cost share for a Wisconsin Coastal Management Grant. We are seeking \$34,000 as match to an additional \$76,000 requested or already received for continued implementation of this plan and future development of a river overlay district.

Sincerely,

Ben Lehner
Chair, Root River Council