

TOWN BRANCH TRAIL, INC

a greenway trail along Lexington's historic waterway



April 8, 2016

The Honorable Jim Gray, Mayor
Lexington Fayette Urban County Government
Office of the Mayor
200 E. Main St.
Lexington, Ky. 40507

Dear Mayor Gray,

Imagine a trail that connects downtown Lexington with the Bluegrass countryside -- a pathway from the bustling urban core into fertile fields and pastures. You pass by limestone springs, early distilleries and discover Lexington's historic waterway, Town Branch of the Elkhorn.

Soon, it won't take an imagination -- just a comfortable pair of running shoes or a bicycle to experience the Town Branch Commons Corridor. Town Branch Trail, Inc., a local 501(c)3 nonprofit, is excited to be a partner on this transformative project and supports your request for federal TIGER grant funding.

The corridor will connect downtown Lexington with the region's world-famous horse farms, neighborhoods, parks and historic sites.

This project is the culmination of years of planning and unprecedented public/private collaboration -- coalescing local planning, transportation, preservation and low-income advocates. Our community envisions a corridor that transforms neglected and underutilized urban areas along our historic creek into a multi-modal trail that will benefit recreation, commuting, the environment, tourism and economic development.

Since 2001, Town Branch Trail, Inc., a local 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, has been advocating for such a visionary investment, writing grant proposals and working to build consensus in the community. In conjunction with the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, TBT, Inc. has raised more than \$7.5 million in trail funds, \$1 million in land donations, and has three miles of trail in design and construction.

We are eager to support and help coordinate this transformative project.

Sincerely,

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