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Mr. Edward Alkiewicz
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Dear Mr. Alkiewicz:

I am writing to clarify questions that recently surfaced at the Ecological Standing Committee meeting. The Wild Ones Niagara Chapter did in fact consult with New York State Parks Niagara Region officials in their preparation of the project proposal called "Regional Economic Growth through Ecological Restoration of the Niagara Gorge Rim". This ambitious study project for the Niagara River Gorge Rim from Niagara Falls to Lewiston received a consistency determination from the Niagara River Greenway Commission at its November meeting. The New York State Parks representative in attendance voted with the majority in issuing that consistency determination.

Although the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation has indicated our position on the proposed project's consistency with the Niagara River Greenway Plan, we are not planning on placing any of our Parks Standing Committee derived financial resources behind this project. Our Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation projects currently in planning stages will make use of our Greenway funds for the foreseeable future. We do, however, welcome support from other sources to fund this project.

With our upcoming Robert Moses North Section scoping process scheduled to begin in 2010, this project's information and conclusions could receive consideration if complete.

If more information is needed concerning this project proposal, please contact me at 716-278-1702.

Sincerely,

Mark W. Thomas
Director, Western District

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Governor

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