SAMPLE LETTER OF SUPPORT

This is a sample letter of support for the Proposed UMES Circulation Walking Trail around the main Core of the campus. The requested grant will cover 80% of the cost of building the trail. Please individualize your letters by adding what is important to you and the people that you serve. Please send your letter of support to the chair of the Athletic Committee, Dr. Mark E. Williams, (mewilliams@umes.edu) or 2066 EACM, Department of Mathematics, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, MD 21853. If you don’t have time for a letter, just email a short note with your name and contact info stating your support of the project and a sentence or two stating why you support the development.

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 Greetings!

On behalf of [our organization], we would like to provide this letter of support for the Proposed UMES Circulation Walking Trail as it will provide a safe place for the community of Princess Anne to walk, as well as for the University community. [add what is important to you about exercise on this trail.] The trail will incorporate the Blue light security system already on campus to provide for help as needed. The trail will encourage everyone to walk, or use human powered conveyances (bicycles, wheel chairs, scooters, etc.) to get more heart healthy exercise.

The trail could encourage community interaction with the university, and could provide friendly competition by hosting 3K and 5K events, collaboration between entities, or individual activities such as Geocaching, learning about the vegetation on campus, or just a place to relax on future benches to admire vegetable and flower gardens hosted by the Extension Agency. The trail will provide a safer route between campus buildings and keep the students off of the road, away from the very large business operated trucks to get to the student services building.

The trail will extend the Trail Mix that is already in place in Somerset County, and will add over a mile and a half of safe bicycling access to the Princess Anne bike trails in town. The trail could provide an opportunity for many of the departments on campus to provide a space for class meetings and assignments to occur and to learn about the history of Princess Anne and the University.

We are grateful for this opportunity to strongly support this planned and needed addition to the community.

Sincerely, Your autograph

Your business or organization