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Mr. Paul Garriepy
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Dear Mr. Garriepy,

I have been asked to write a letter of support for a neighborhood effort to obtain or to have the City of Ann Arbor purchase an undeveloped 10-acre parcel of land adjacent to Dicken Elementary School for use as a city park. A park would extend the natural space that could be utilized for environmental education purposes.

We have other schools with public parkland adjacent to their property that is utilized in our environmental education program. Having cultivated, open space next to a school adds an enriching dimension to our standard curriculum. If this parcel of land is developed into a city park, it would enrich our school community immensely.

Sincerely,



Dr. George V. Fornero
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