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June 25, 2003

**CHRIS KOLB**  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
53RD DISTRICT

Mr. Paul Garriepy, Director of Properties  
Catholic Diocese of Lansing  
300 West Ottawa Street  
Lansing, MI 48933-1577

Dear Mr. Garriepy:

As the State Representative for the 53rd District, in which Dicken Woods is located, I write in support of the efforts of the Friends of Dicken Woods to preserve Dicken Woods as a natural area.


The Friends have done a thorough job of researching this property and identifying the important role it plays in the health of Allen's Creek, Mallett's Creek, and through them, the Huron River. The support that the Friends have received from the Huron River Watershed Council and the Allen's Creek Management Group attests to the important environmental impact of this property.

In addition to being adjacent to Dicken Elementary School, this property offers outstanding opportunities for educational benefits to the Dicken community, as well as to other school children in the Ann Arbor district. Again, the support from Dr. George Fornero, Superintendent, and Ms. Kathy Scarnecchia, Dicken Principal, demonstrates the value of preserving Dicken Woods as a natural area.

I have agreed to offer help for the efforts underway by the Friends. I do hope the Catholic Diocese will work with the Friends to preserve this land as a natural area.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer my support to the Friends of Dicken Woods.

Sincerely,

  
Representative Chris Kolb  
53<sup>rd</sup> District