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February 28, 2005

The Honorable Bryan Hackbarth
Town of Youngtown, Mayor's Office
12030 Clubhouse Square
Youngtown, AZ 85363

Dear Mayor Hackbarth:

Mr. Mark Fooks, Youngtown Town Manager, attended the February Board of Directors meetings for Friends of the West Valley Recreation Corridor (WVRC). Mr. Fooks gave an in-depth presentation on the walking trail that Youngtown is planning to create along the Agua Fria River and will be asking for LRSP funding from the Heritage Fund for part of that trail. On behalf of the Friends of the WVRC, I would like to inform you that the board voted to endorse the trail and send this letter of support.

As the walking path will be located along the entire Eastern border of the Agua Fria River from Grand Avenue to Olive Avenue, this trail will be a wonderful compliment to the Friends of the WVRC's vision of turning the Agua Fria River into a multi-modal recreational corridor. We are pleased to support Youngtown in this endeavor and its desire to seek funding from the Heritage Fund LSRP fund to help with the creation of the walking trail from Alabama Avenue to Illinois Avenue.

We wish you well in your request and thank Mr. Fooks for presenting this project to our Board of Directors.

Sincerely,



Roger Baele
President