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Jack Howard
National Park Service
200 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106

Dear Mr. Howard:

I am writing you to request the approval of the National Park Service for a Significant Change of Use proposal by Tenafly Borough in Bergen County for LWCF #34-00296. The proposal consists of a new nature center to be constructed on a 1.8 acre portion of the 219 acre 6f parcel funded through the LWCF. This proposed project is a partnership between Tenafly Borough and the Tenafly Nature Center Association (TNCA). The TNCA leases the property from Tenafly Borough and would be responsible for building and operating the nature center.

As New Jersey's SLO, I am recommending that the National Park Service approve this Significant Change of Use request as it is consistent with and supports the State's SCORP goal of providing public outdoor recreation opportunities. The proposed facility will also offer public interpretive and environmental education programs. The new nature center will serve as the visitor and educational center for Tenafly's 400 acre Lost Brook Preserve and replace the current nature center facility which has been in service for several decades. The enclosed Environmental Assessment details the need for proposed nature center.

Please contact Steven Jandoli at 609-984-0499 with any questions on this proposal. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Rich Boornazian
Assistant Commissioner/SLO