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Ms. Claire Flynn Coordinator, Chesapeake Program National Fish and Wildlife Foundation 1133 Fifteenth St. NW, Suite 1000 Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Flynn,

The purpose of this letter is to lend support to the Center for Watershed Protection's (CWP) proposal for a grant to provide technical assistance to the Friends of Roland Run to advance projects identified in Baltimore County's Northeastern Jones Falls Small Watershed Action Plan (SWAP). Specifically, the technical assistance that would be provided by an NFWF Grant would help the Friends of Roland Run achieve their goal of reducing pollution that flows into Baltimore's Inner Harbor and from there, into the Chesapeake Bay. Roland Run is one of several feeder streams into Lake Roland, which flows into the Jones Falls and into the Inner Harbor.

Baltimore County is currently doing a stream restoration project on a small segment of Roland Run; but, while this project will address some sediment issues, pollution and storm water runoff will continue to flow downstream. Friends of Roland Run is seeking, with the help of CWP and Blue Water Baltimore, to engage local citizens and businesses in the implementation of the County's Small Watershed Action Plan.

The SWAP lays out goals and objectives that include citizen-based support and partnership to accomplish the vision for this watershed. The Friends of Roland Run have requested assistance from CWP and Blue Water Baltimore for guidance, technical support, and training to advance projects important to community members.

I hope you will consider funding this project as it will achieve many of the purposes of the Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grant.

Sincerely,

Del. Dana Stein