

November 7, 2017

Dear Friend of the Urbana Parks Foundation,

The end of 2017 is approaching, and with that the end of the first decade of the Urbana Parks Foundation. As a foundation, and as a community, we have so much to be proud of in our support of the Urbana Park District through the last 10 years, and so much to look forward to in the decades to come.

This past year in particular has been an exciting one. Two months ago, we celebrated the opening of the new Kickapoo Rail Trail. It's a 6.7 mile multi-purpose recreational trail leading from Urbana to St. Joseph, and there are plans to extend it all the way to Kickapoo State Park in Vermilion County. That's 24.5 miles, and a truly exceptional trail to have right in our backyard.

There's just one problem: the Urbana end of the KRT has no proper trailhead. As you may know, Weaver Park, the designated trailhead, is a beautiful and natural park, but is not developed enough to support the activity of the KRT. We envision so much more, and are eager to put in motion the development of Weaver Park. But we need your help.

On the top of the enclosed document, you'll see our ideas of a future Weaver Park, ideas that have been thoroughly researched and determined to be the best use of the space. This is where your support comes in. To construct a new trailhead is a high goal for our relatively young Foundation, but with your help we will be able to achieve it. Your donation to support this development will kick off a new era for the Urbana end of the KRT and allow the Weaver Park Trailhead to welcome hundreds of thousands of visitors for years to come.

Please, help us today to build a better Urbana by contributing to this project.

If you have questions or would like more information about the project and giving opportunities, please feel free to contact Ellen Kirsanoff at 217-367-1536 or by email at erkirsanoff@urbanaparks.org.

Sincerely,

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