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September 24, 2014

Ravalli County Commissioners
215 S. 4th Street
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Dear Commissioners:

The Corvallis Canal board of directors understands the Bitter Root Land Trust is in the process of finalizing the Open Lands Bond Program's involvement in the purchase of 22- acres on the Bitterroot River in Hamilton. This land is adjacent to the Corvallis Canal headgate and the first portion of the Corvallis Canal. The Corvallis Canal and Water Company holds the 1st right on the Bitterroot River with a priority date of January 1, 1871 and conveys water to Corvallis Canal and Water Company users by means of the canal.

The Corvallis Canal Board, Land Trust staff, and representatives from the City of Hamilton have met regularly over the past year and a half to ensure that any issues pertaining to safety, liability, access, and easements have been fully addressed. We are confident that the concerns of the Corvallis Canal Board and its users have been successfully addressed and that this park will be a great amenity for people in Hamilton, while ensuring our right to safely access, maintain, and improve our headgate and canal system. We think this project is a win-win for the community of Hamilton, Ravalli County and Corvallis Canal irrigators.

This letter is to confirm that the Corvallis Canal Board has been involved in developing this project with the Land Trust and is comfortable that our interests have been adequately addressed. As a result, we encourage you to approve the final authorizing Open Lands Bond funds for this project.

Thank you for your continued support of agriculture and conservation in Ravalli County through sound implementation of the Ravalli County Open Lands Bond Program.

Respectfully,


Darrel Sperry

Corvallis Canal Board Chairman.

September 14, 1974

David Young, Chairman

City of Corvallis

Corvallis, Oregon

Dear Mr. Young:

Thank you for your letter of August 29, 1974.

The Corvallis Canal & Water Company is pleased to have your interest in the project. The project is a part of the City of Corvallis' effort to improve the water supply and to provide for the future needs of the community. The project is a part of the City of Corvallis' effort to improve the water supply and to provide for the future needs of the community.

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Sincerely,

David Young, Chairman

City of Corvallis