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Dear Ms. McClain,

I am writing this as a letter of support for the project proposed for funding under the American Rivers - administered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Community-Based Restoration Program River Grants - to prepare a fish passage alternatives analysis at Dam #1 on the Brandywine River in Wilmington, Delaware. Dam #1, also called the West Street Dam, is owned by the City of Wilmington and is the first barrier to upstream movement of both resident and migratory fish on this major coastal river.

The University of Delaware's Institute for Public Administration-Water Resources Agency (IPA-WRA) is currently an active member of the Brandywine Shad Partnership and we are very interested in restoring anadromous fish passage on the Brandywine River. I, Martha Corrozi, on behalf of IPA-WRA, have participated in a number of Partnership meetings, have performed research for the Brandywine Conservancy, and have become a part of the Conservancy's outreach effort to better inform the public about the project.

It is our understanding that the proposed project includes the collection of more detailed site data and completion of an alternatives analysis on two fish passage options: a rock ramp and dam removal coupled with either burying or raising the two water pipes that are encased within the existing dam.

If you have any questions concerning our support for this project, please contact me, the IPA-WRA project lead, at *mcorrozi@udel.edu* or 302-831-4931.

Yours sincerely,

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