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Stephen Richman, Chairman
Penn Treaty Special Services District
702 N. 3rd Street
PMB 38
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RE: Crease Street Garden Grant Request

Dear Mr Richman:

The Neighborhood Gardens Trust (NGT) is pleased to submit this letter in support of the Friends of Crease Street Garden's grant application to Penn Treaty Special Services District (PTSSD). NGT is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the acquisition and preservation of community gardens and other shared open space to enhance quality of life in Philadelphia's neighborhoods. We are partnering with the Friends of Crease Street Garden to ensure that their important neighborhood green space which is at-risk of being lost to development, can be secured and permanently protected to benefit the Fishtown community.

The Crease Street Garden is a beautiful and tranquil sitting garden beloved by longtime neighbors and young families for the past decade. The Friends of Crease Street Garden, an 501(c)3 nonprofit, have shown themselves to be a high-capacity organization which has stewarded the garden, fundraised for its maintenance and upkeep, and actively welcomes and engages neighbors.

NGT's Board of Directors approved the Crease Street Garden as a preservation project this fall, with the understanding that NGT would seek state grant funds for the market rate purchase of the properties and that the Friends of Crease Street Garden would raise the match required by the grant through a community fundraising campaign. We believe a matching grant from PTSSD would bolster the Friends of Crease Street Garden's community fundraising efforts, ensure a successful campaign, and will be a catalyst for garden's permanent protection a rapidly redeveloping neighborhood.

Please contact me with any questions at jgreenberg@pennhort.org or 215-988-8798.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Greenberg
Executive Director