

September 29, 2025

614 Beautiful Grant Committee
City of Columbus
Columbus, Ohio

RE: Letter of Support for Friends of Glen Echo - Glenmawr Park Improvements Project

Dear 614 Beautiful Grant Committee,

The Urban Tree Project is pleased to offer our strong support for the Friends of Glen Echo's application for a 614 Beautiful Grant to implement improvements at Glenmawr Park in the Glen Echo neighborhood.

The proposed urban forestry component of this project—planting six new shade trees on the Glenmawr Park median and removing invasive honeysuckle—aligns perfectly with our mission to improve both the quality and size of the urban tree canopy in Central Ohio. The Glen Echo neighborhood has experienced significant tree loss, with 11 additional mature trees recently tagged for removal, making this replanting effort both timely and essential.

The Urban Tree Project is committed to supporting this initiative through expert tree selection and planting advice. Our team will work with Friends of Glen Echo to select appropriate native tree species based on site-specific variables including soil type, moisture conditions, and microclimate factors. We will ensure proper planting techniques are followed and provide guidance on establishment care to maximize the survival and long-term health of these new trees.

This project exemplifies the kind of community-driven urban forestry work that Columbus needs. By restoring a historically significant public space while enhancing tree canopy in a well-loved neighborhood park, Friends of Glen Echo demonstrates the stewardship and vision necessary to build a more equitable and resilient urban forest.

The integration of tree planting with historic preservation, pollinator habitat creation, and community education makes this a model project that will benefit both current residents and future generations. The Urban Tree Project is honored to be part of this important work.

We strongly encourage you to support this application and look forward to partnering with Friends of Glen Echo to strengthen Columbus's urban canopy.

Sincerely,

Kate Ascher, Vice President

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