



## ALLEGHENY LAND TRUST

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Kate Angell  
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Dear Kate,

Allegheny Land Trust is happy to provide a Letter of Support for your greenspace development partnership application to the Buhl Foundation and efforts to build a coalition of partners (e.g. Grounded, Allegheny Cleanways, Landforce, and the Fineview/Perry Hilltop Citizens Council) in this important work.

Recovery of our vacant land into verdant spaces for our communities is vital to not only the visual appeal of our neighborhoods, but is also proven to improve mental health, reduce crime, and raise property values. All critical components for revitalization of neighborhoods with significant vacant lands.

Allegheny Land Trust began actively working in the North Side neighborhoods to protect critical vacant land needed for green spaces in 2018 and is working with the Perry Hilltop Fineview Citizens' Council to acquire land to extend Unity Corner into Unity Trail. We need a partner to help implement the landscape concept for the property who could also help tackle the knotweed, finish demolition debris removal, and understands the vision for the site. ALT will continue to pursue the acquisition process through the URA and will make the site available to the Northside partnership group to develop and maintain the greenspace.

We also look forward to continuing this project as it expands and evolves due to the shared values and vision of recovering vacant land into community green spaces.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alyson Fearon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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