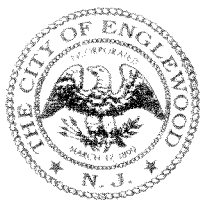


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**RE: Application for Green Acres Funds from the Flat Rock Brook Nature Association**

Dear Ms. Stern,

The City of Englewood supports the work of Flat Rock Brook Nature Association, and I, as Mayor of Englewood strongly support their application for Green Acres funding. Flat Rock Brook is one of the major institutions within our great City, and their project, *A Walk in the Woods*, will be a great addition to their organization. Above and beyond the benefits to Flat Rock Brook, I believe that this project would be a great asset to the citizens of my City.

Flat Rock Brook's involvement in the civic activities of Englewood have been significant through the years, and its 150 acres of open space is highly valued by Englewood's residents. I support projects that help the Nature Center provide educational opportunities to Englewood's students. Our students need places like Flat Rock Brook to learn about our environment, and the project under consideration will greatly enhance our student's ability to understand how our environment works. It will give them a well rounded education which is of vital importance to them as they grow up as active citizens.

Therefore, I strongly urge Green Acres to support Flat Rock Brook's application for funding.

Sincerely,



MICHAEL WILDES  
MAYOR