

To Whom it may concern:

I am writing on the 51<sup>st</sup> Earth Day in support of the Downtown Greens initiative to purchase some of the last remaining green space in Fredericksburg adjacent to Braehead Farm near Tyler street in the City of Fredericksburg. The Clean and Green Commission strongly believes Downtown Greens will use this special property to further its mission in the following three areas: Sustainable Agriculture including workforce development, Environmental Education and Land Conservation. The Clean and Green Commission and Downtown Greens have similar missions and encourage and strive to keep what remains of our green space in the City of Fredericksburg for our current and future generations to use and enjoy. These green spaces further the quality of life that makes the city so special and unique.

Downtown Greens has been bringing the community together for more than 25 years and its intrinsic value to the city is undisputed and respected. Conservation of the last agricultural space in the city would provide a space for new farmer incubation to foster food security and food equity in the city. Additionally, this second location would provide protection for valuable wetlands, expanded recreation space, and additional outdoor education opportunities as a "living classroom" in collaboration with schools and universities.

I urge you to consider Downtown Greens as the purchaser of this rare opportunity to preserve what remains of our city green space and to help educate our youth.

Thank you,

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