



To Whom It May Concern,

The Fredericksburg Food Co-op is a full service community-owned grocery store located at 320 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Fredericksburg VA 22401. We opened to the public on Thursday, April 1, 2021. We aim to implement the most environmentally sustainable practices in all aspects of our operation and to join others in working toward positive environmental goals for our community. We collaborate with entities in our community like Downtown Greens who have a common focus on sharing best practices in nutrition, wellness, and the benefits of moving toward a more plant-based diet.

I am writing on behalf of The Fredericksburg Food Co-op in support of Downtown Greens' proposed project to purchase and conserve the 56-acre Braehead Buffer property, which contains vital living wetlands and the last farmland in Fredericksburg City.

We are proud to offer our support and partnership in selling "FXBG Grown" branded produce in our store. By supporting a project that uplifts new farmers and gives Fredericksburg residents the opportunity to purchase hyperlocal, organically grown food, we are strengthening the fabric of our community's food system and meeting the increasing demand for sustainable, conscious food production.

Downtown Greens has our full support for the great work they are already doing in our community through their Free Food Program and garden-based youth education, and we look forward to developing our partnership to meet our shared goal of food equity in Fredericksburg.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Roland", written in a cursive style.

Chris Roland
General Manager
Fredericksburg Food Co-op