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To Whom It May Concern:

Wild Ones Natural Landscapers, Ltd. is working to build a consortium of local groups to develop collaborative environmental programs. Such programs might include the development of environmental science projects; fostering an awareness of the importance of biodiversity and natural landscapes in maintaining a healthy environment; studies of plants, wildlife & water quality; pollution prevention; and providing habitat for birds and other animals.

The Community Foundation supports projects that protect the environment and foster collaboration. This is an example of such an effort. Our interest in this project is a natural extension of a seminar we presented at Heckrodt Wetland Preserve in July 2003 on how to apply for Natural Resources Damage Assessment funds. The acquisition of Stroebe Island Marsh and the rest of the West Shore Preserve grew out of that meeting.

Receiving a government grant from the Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Environmental Stewardship Fund would enable Wild Ones to acquire a building and land in the West Shore Preserve that would enable the organization to carry out some of the above programs. We encourage you to consider such a grant.

Sincerely,

Jeff Johnson  
Vice President Donor Services