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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to support Sweet Fields effort to develop a Community Supported Agriculture project at Norristown Farm Park. The Food Resources Center (FRC) at CADCOM has long had an interest in this area. We have supported the development of Pennypack Farm & Education Center and other projects in the county that help bring fresh produce to low-income consumers and raise awareness of environmental principles. The mission of CADCOM is, "to mobilize the human and financial resources of Montgomery County by initiating, developing and administering community and economic development programs designed to provide the tools needed to achieve self-sufficiency." We understand that the goals of Sweet Fields correspond to this mission such as:

1. Developing a source of fresh, local produce for Norristown Area residents.
2. Offering the opportunity to work in exchange for food (workshares).
3. Adding to a sustainable food systems model by teaching skills like gardening and cooking with fresh produce.
4. Designing educational opportunities for local school children, particularly about sustainable living, sustainable agriculture and nutrition.
5. Creating local jobs.
6. Helping to revitalize the farming infrastructure of Farm Park.
7. Increasing visitors to the Farm Park and engaging in activities that enhance the public view of Norristown in general.

We fully support the efforts of Sweet Fields as they seek external funding and a sub-lease for this program designed for high community involvement, and preserving open space. We look forward to working with them to help make this necessary project a reality that serves the Norristown community for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Patrick Druhan, director of food resources and nutrition.

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