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The Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh (“URA”), pursuant to the Summerset Cooperation Agreement of 2002, has identified a number of parcels (outlined in “Exhibit A”) that the URA owns which will be dedicated as additions to Frick Park or as greenspace in the vicinity of the Summerset at Frick Park Development. The City agreed to acquire these “non-residential land” parcels for this purpose after phases of the development at the request of the URA.

Consider this letter my written approval of the conveyance, which is required under the Cooperative agreement. I reviewed and accepted them on behalf of the Department after the URA notified the City of its plans to convey these parcels. I will work with the Administration to thoughtfully integrate these parcels into the existing park system in accordance with the City’s standards for conservation public access.

As the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation I celebrate the opportunity to expand Frick Park with over 100 acres of new land. This conveyance aligns with our shared vision of expanding and preserving green space throughout the City, and specifically enhances the ecological, recreational, and community value of Frick Park—one of Pittsburgh’s most cherished urban forests. I look forward to a future when this land is freely accessible for all residents of the City.

In partnership,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathryn Vargas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Kathryn Vargas
Director, Parks and Recreation