



# South Wilmington PLANNING NETWORK

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RE: Letter of support for Delaware Nature Society

Dear Ms. Perch,

I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the Delaware Nature Society's grant application to the William Penn Foundation. The South Wilmington Planning Network welcomes the opportunity to work with the Delaware Nature Society and fully support the effort to engage local community members in watershed education using the youth Trail Ambassadors.

The South Wilmington Planning Network (SWPN) is a collaborative partnership of residents and dozens of government, non-profit, and private agencies who work together to improve quality of life in the Southbridge neighborhood of Wilmington, Delaware not far from the DuPont Environmental Education Center (DEEC). The SWPN has worked with Delaware Nature Society and DEEC since 2009 on Southbridge community projects and will continue to do so with this project. This will include serving as a sounding board for the youth Trail Ambassadors community projects, promoting service projects within the community and providing a forum for Trail Ambassadors to practice public speaking.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at: [bswiatek@wilmmapco.org](mailto:bswiatek@wilmmapco.org).

Sincerely,

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