

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

May 14, 2014

Mr. Jake Reilly, Program Director Chesapeake Program National Fish and Wildlife Foundation 1133 Fifteenth St., N.W., Suite 1100 Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Reilly:

Please accept this letter as my strong support for Enrichmond's Repurposing of the 17th Street Farmers' Market Shelters.

The Department of Planning and Development Review guides planning, building and development in the City of Richmond. Our mission is to plan for, and protect Richmond's unique, physical, social, and natural environment to enhance the quality of life for our citizens, businesses, and visitors.

Mr. Sydnor and I have had several conversations on Enrichmond's proposal to repurpose the shelters located at the 17th Street Farmers' Market. It is a great way to support the Mayor's recently adopted RVAgreen: A Roadway to Sustainability. In addition, I am aware that for 2014 the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation applicants will be required to provide sufficient documentation that the project has received all necessary permits and clearances at the time of project application.

Because of the timeframe available and the unknown locations of the to-be-installed shelters my Department is committed to working closely with Enrichmond to expedite all necessary permitting and approvals in order to complete the project by March 2016.

Please consider approving Enrichmond's request with our Department's complete support. I am looking forward to facilitating Enrichmond's efforts in repurposing these iconic shelters to create even more great places in the City.

Mark A. Olinger, Director

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