November 28, 2017

Mr. Randall S. Blakenhorn

Illinois Department of Transportation

2300 S. Dirksen Parkway

Springfield, IL 62764

Dear Mr. Blakenhorn,

Please accept this letter as a show of support for the Sycamore Park District’s application for the Illinois Department of Transportation Enhancement Grant, which will help fund phase 2 engineering and construction of the Great Western Trail Extension in Sycamore.

It is our belief that this extension will create easier and safer access for individuals who are using the Great Western Trail to get to our downtown and other businesses along route 23. We are also pleased that the project will be completed by using a funding source other than local property taxes.

This extension honors the results of two consecutive, community-wide surveys in Sycamore which made it very clear that making these trail connections was the number one recreation preference for our community. It also highlights the quality of inter-governmental cooperation between the Sycamore Park District and the DeKalb County Forest Preserve District.

We represent over 500 businesses and organizations in the Sycamore area and see the Sycamore Park District as a vital link to our quality of life and the economic development of our community.

On behalf of the Sycamore Chamber of Commerce, its Board of Directors, and our members, I write this letter of support for the Grant Application of the Sycamore Park District.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Respectfully Submitted,

RoseMarie M. Treml

Executive Director