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To Whom It May Concern:

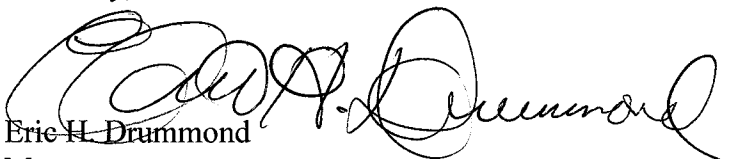
Please accept our letter of support on behalf of the Fountain Creek Restoration Committee's effort to secure funding for the much-needed restoration of Fountain Creek at Schryver Park. Throughout the year, a number of citizen action groups conduct "clean-up" operations along Fountain Creek. The citizens of Manitou Springs who comprise these groups are driven by their realization of the role that Fountain Creek plays not only as an environmental asset but also as a large component of our geography and, therefore, our cultural identity.

The current condition of Fountain Creek as an aquatic and riparian habitat has deteriorated beyond the abilities of our resident volunteers and the immediate financial means of the City. Sediment and subsurface structure issues now require expert treatment.

The City is using its available resources to conduct a similar restoration project in another city park on Fountain Creek in demonstration of its commitment to the preservation of this natural asset. It is the stated desire of our community to return Fountain Creek to a state of environmental vitality along its full length within our community. The City will ceaselessly expend its efforts to accomplish that goal.

Thank you for taking our grant request under consideration.

Sincerely,


Eric H. Drummond
Mayor