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Mr. Chad Dayton  
Director of Programs & Partner Relations  
Wilderness Inquiry  
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Dear Mr. Dayton,

We write to affirm the partnership of the Bronx Council of Environmental Quality (BCEQ) with Wilderness Inquiry Canoeing Program.

The Bronx Council for Environmental Quality, is a non-profit 501(c)3 membership organization located in NYC's only mainland borough — The Bronx. We are a diverse collection of individuals all seeking to leave our great grandchildren better air, land, and water quality than we have at present.

Bronx Council for Environmental Quality agrees to organize two week long on-land and in-water education experience for local Bronx school children during the week and the general public on the weekends. If funding is awarded, BCEQ will receive a subgrant of \$5,000 for their time and efforts spent providing this educational experience, particularly how low impact development impacts climate change and clean water goals. For the past three years, we co-hosted a week of canoe rides for approximately 500 school children at Roberto Clemente State Park on the Harlem River; last year we were able to extend this to other parts of Bronx County and would like to do that again.

Since 1971, BCEQ has sought “to establish — as an Inherent Human Right — a sound, forward-looking environmental policy regarding an aesthetic, unpolluted, environment protecting a natural and historic heritage.” Since 2001 we focused on Harlem River issues to develop connections to and along the Harlem River and create on-water access and activities in an effort to improve water quality. We also conducted scientific and planning activities, including the WCS-NOAA project at Pier 5 and the NYS Brownfields Opportunity Area project, both on the Harlem River. Years ago, BCEQ worked on a special project funded by the Region 2 EPA in the Croton Watershed by educating elected officials (NEMO) on low impact development protections.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration of Wilderness Inquiry's application.

Sincerely,

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