Columbia Parks & Recreation Attn: Mike Snyder One S. 7th Street Columbia, MO 65201

April 27, 2020

Mike,

Thank you for sharing the Hinkson Creek Trail – Walnut Street extension project with the Boy Scouts of America, Great Rivers Council. In 2016 we acquired a 6.36-acre tract of land just east of Stephens Lake Park along the Hinkson Creek.

Since 2005 we have used this property along with Stephens Lake Park for activities and programming as part of our local Day Camp held each June. While we have no immediate development plans for the property, we have had volunteers clearing trash left behind from trespassers and homeless encampments. Recently we began clearing a section of the property to make better use for our day camp activities while also working with Missouri Department of Conservation identifying and clearing invasive plants.

We are supportive of Hinkson Creek Trail – Walnut Street extension. This trail is a great addition for the immediate neighborhood, Columbia and for the Boy Scouts of America.

I would be open to future discussions on a further collaboration between the BSA and City of Columbia regarding the Scouting Walnut Street property.

Regards,

John K. Fabsits
Scout Executive/CEO

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