

Brown, Carol

From: Brown, Carol
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 12:17 PM
To: lturner@moline.il.us
Cc: lwilson@moline.il.us; Brown, Carol; Dave Brown (dmbrown@mchsi.com)
Subject: Grant opportunity - Sylvan Island shelter
Attachments: Polygon shelter.pdf

Hello Lori.

I was so excited to receive your phone call to initiate the grant writing process for the Little Debbie Corporation grant for \$20,000. I'm so glad Lori Wilson, Moline Parks and Rec., mentioned our project regarding Sylvan Island. As you were describing the mission behind the Little Debbie grant that strives to promote outdoor recreation and healthy living to kids and the community at large, I thought our project was a perfect fit.

Friends of Off Road Cycling, FORC (pronounced "fork") is a 501c3 non-profit organization of all volunteer members FORC was founded in 1997 and we are celebrating our 20th Anniversary this year with a festival to be held at Scott County Park, Parkview Iowa on August 4-6. I've been working on an initiative that we would like to announce at the festival. FORC would like to build a shelter to pay tribute to the founder of FORC, Rick Wren and we thought the perfect place for the shelter would be Sylvan Island.

Sylvan Island, Moline IL was one of FORC's first off-road biking trails and a FORC favorite! In 2000, FORC partnered with the Moline Parks and Rec to begin maintaining and developing more recreational trails on the island. In 2005, we established the Sylvan Island Stampede XC Race, the first fat tire biking race in the Quad City area. The race attracts 300+ racers and their families from all over the mid-west and it has been held every year, that is, up to the closing of the island in 2014 due to the un-structurally safe access bridge. The new bridge is set to be complete this fall 2017. And FORC is once again excited to partner with Moline Park and Rec to revive the island and its excellent network of biking and hiking trails.

FORC has just received the support of the Moline Parks Board to build our tribute shelter on the island and begin our fund-raising effort. The shelter we are interested in acquiring and building is a *Polygon* 20' x 20' steel structure with a cement floor and a plaque to recognize Rick Wren of FORC. I have attached the shelter schematics.

Here is a list of how the \$20,000 grant would be used. These amounts are only estimates.

Polygon steel shelter from Marshalltown Iowa	\$12870
Cement floor materials and labor	\$ 4000
Stainless steel engraved plaque	\$ 800
Total	\$17670
Trail maintenance (gas, wood, stones etc.)	2330
Grant total	\$20,000

Lori, I really cannot express how thrilled I was to receive your call regarding the grant opportunity that Little Debbie Corporation has to offer. FORC's mission is to expand Mountain Biking (MTB) opportunities locally and hosts a number of events throughout the year dedicated to this goal. A few common FORC activities include:

- Advocating for and building new MTB trails following International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA) guidelines for sustainable and low-impact construction.
- Maintaining ~30 miles of local mountain bike trails. We now have eight trail systems throughout the area. Each trail system has a designated "Trail Care Crew."
- Hosting educational events promoting mountain biking skills and trail etiquette for adults and children (MTB 101 & Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day).
- Hosting 2-3 mountain bike races each year at local trail systems which serve as fund-raisers to cover club expenses.
- Holding monthly membership meetings to discuss local MTB news, events, and projects.
- Assists River Action's annual Taming of the Slough by providing a course route for the mountain biking section and course marshals (safety helpers) throughout the route.

Please go to the links below to learn more about FORC, these events and other things we do.

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http://www.qconline.com/news/local/sunny-sylvan-island-attracts-big-bike-turnout/article_68f1218f-a153-5fee-b786-97b84ef0ca0a.html

calebs trail

http://www.qconline.com/news/local/caleb-gets-his-trail-thanks-to-forc/article_176ad6b1-98da-5b66-8b65-3c31fb429a66.html

take a kid mtb

<http://www.qcforc.org/content.php?193>

mtb 101

<http://www.qcforc.org/content.php?225-Mountain-Biking-101>

about forc

<http://www.qcforc.org/content.php?196-About-FORC>

timeline

<http://www.qcforc.org/content.php?222-forc-accomplishments>

Lori, please let me know if you have any questions, comments or need anything else I can provide. Thank you very much; your assistance with our quest is greatly appreciated.

Regards,

Brown, Carol

From: Brown, Carol
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 4:04 PM
To: Brown, Carol
Subject: FW: FORC shelter at Sylvan Island

From: Brown, Carol
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 10:42 AM
To: lwilson@moline.il.us
Subject: FORC shelter

Good morning Lori.

I received your voice mail about getting the Park Board's approval to move ahead with the shelter. Great news! Thank you. And then I heard from Lori Turner on Friday about a grant opportunity for \$20,000. I can't thank you enough for mentioning our project to her! I will cc: you in on the email I will be sending Lori shortly.

Thanks again and I'll be in touch.

Carol Brown
FORC

From: "Lori Wilson" <lwilson@moline.il.us>
To: mudpixie@mchsi.com
Cc: "Rodd Schick" <rschick@moline.il.us>
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2017 8:13:07 AM
Subject: RE: FORC shelter at Sylvan Island

Carol,

It would be a good idea to set up a meeting to discuss further. I will also invite Rodd Schick, General Manager of Public Works. Let me know what day and time works well for you.

Thanks,

Lori Wilson

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From: mudpixie@mchsi.com [<mailto:mudpixie@mchsi.com>]

Sent: Saturday, April 01, 2017 11:15 AM

To: Wilson, Lori

Subject: FORC shelter at Sylvan Island

Hi Lori.

This is Carol Brown from Friends of Off Road Cycling (FORC). We spoke on the phone a couple weeks ago. I was wondering if you had an opportunity to investigate the possibility of building a recreational shelter at Sylvan Island in honor of our 20th Anniversary and a tribute to our founder Rick Wren.

I was wondering what the next step is so that we may move forward with FORC receiving official permission.

Thank you so much for your consideration of our request.

Carol Brown

FORC

20th Anniversary committee member