



Green Liver Project Letter of Endorsement

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To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of the Salmon-Safe organization and our alliance with the 12,000 Rain Garden Program, we would like to endorse the Green Liver Project for the University of Washington Campus and the work of Connor Birkeland and Mateo Schwartz.

As background, Salmon-Safe is an independent third-party site certification focused on ecological function including water quality, stormwater management and habitat protection. Salmon-Safe assessed and certified the University of Washington main campus in 2009. In our findings we established four important goals for the University to achieve this certification. They include:

1. Overall management improvement through establishing a set of goals and guidelines that can be applied throughout the campus, including guidelines for future development and retrofitting opportunities.
2. A clear set of objectives and strategies for addressing current issues and impacts arising from the age of the campus and older construction, specifically addressing parking lots and stormwater run-off from impervious surfaces and buildings.
3. Build upon and significantly increase a healthy interface between the University and its waterways and riparian areas along the Montlake Cut, Union Bay and the University Slough areas.
4. Demonstrate and articulate its stewardship commitments to the University community and the public and deepen the engagement of students and faculty in furthering these conservation and stewardship goals.

Upon thorough review of the Green Liver Project's objectives and service delivery to the campus overall, we see the funding of this project as an important tool to supporting the mission of our work and in assisting the University in satisfying the identified certification goals.

We thank you for considering the work of the Green Liver Project and its team in implementing a vital forward thinking program for the campus. Please feel free to contact us for further discussion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ellen K. Southard".

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