



The Bowersock Mills and Power Company

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April 18th, 2013

Diane Stoddard  
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Dear Ms. Stoddard:

As you know, The Bowersock Mills & Power Company (BMPC) just completed the construction of a new powerhouse on the north side of the Kansas River. The powerhouse is immediately adjacent to the City of Lawrence recreation path which runs under the Kansas River Bridges and connects the upstream and downstream portions of the levee trail. As part of the associated landscaping, BMPC would like to place a sculpture along that recreation path.

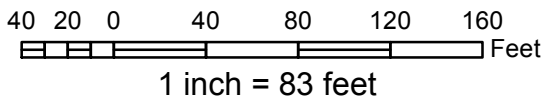
The proposed sculpture is constructed of driftwood. Around the base of the sculpture the artist has created a mosaic of cut up pieces of plastic and aluminum trash that he had gathered from around the Bowersock Dam. The genesis of this sculpture is that more than three years ago the artist and his mother came down to the Bowersock Dam to collect driftwood for an art project. In their efforts, they found more plastic and trash than driftwood. The message of the sculpture is environmental, in that it asks the public to care for the environment by putting trash in its proper place. A plaque will be placed on the sculpture to this effect.

Please find attached a photograph of the sculpture (mosiac to be placed after installation), as well as a map of the proposed location. The sculpture will be attached to a movable concrete pad, which will be placed under the top layer of levee riprap. The levee rip rap will then be replaced, covering the concrete pad. The pad is approximately six feet in diameter and twelve inches in depth. We have discussed the placement of the sculpture with Matt Bond. Given the movable nature of the pad, and that the sculpture will not be tied into the levee in any way, Matt Bond agreed that its placement would not violate Corps of Engineers levee regulations.

We would like to dedicate this sculpture at our Ribbon Cutting on Friday, May 10th. We appreciate the City's willingness to work with Bowersock on the placement of this sculpture. We hope the community will find it will an attractive and thought-provoking addition to the levee recreation path. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or suggestions.

Sincerely,

Sarah Hill-Nelson



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