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Re: The Spokane Regional Toxics Taskforce (SRRTTF) Letter of Support for The Lands Council’s (TLC) Stormwater and LID Education and Outreach in the Spokane River Watershed Project Proposal under EPA Urban Waters Small Grants

Dear Ms. Parrish:

The Spokane Regional Toxics Taskforce (SRRTTF), <http://srrttf.org/> in its efforts to work collaboratively to characterize the sources of toxics in the Spokane River and in its efforts to identify and implement appropriate actions necessary to make measurable progress towards meeting applicable water quality standards for the Spokane River does hereby support The Lands Council’s Stormwater and Low Impact Development (LID) Education and Outreach in the Spokane River Watershed Project.

Consistent with the SRRTTF’s collaborative efforts, The Lands Councils project will provide needed public education, and engagement to advance the understanding of Spokane River toxics issues. SRRTTF believes that the scope of TLC’s proposal will be a major benefit to our region’s work on controlling the impacts of stormwater pollution affecting the Spokane River.

TLC’s proposal if funded will provide needed outreach and education to vulnerable communities in our region who use the Spokane River and in doing so help enhance community participation in the interests of preserving the Spokane River.

TLC’s Low Impact Development (LID) education will provide a very constructive influence on the safety, improved quality and environmental health of the Spokane River and will be a positive achievement in the interests of public health. Funding the TLC proposal will also provide much needed community education of LID storm water techniques, help promote storm water treatment at its source, and reduce the discharges of contaminated stormwater to the Spokane River

The TLC project’s focus on providing LID concept education, environmental literacy and green job preparedness strongly complements our region’s efforts on environmental sustainability and future workforce development.