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Application for Andrews Community Forest Committee

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I'm writing to express my interest in serving on the Andrews Community Forest Committee. I chose to live in Richmond in no small part due to the breadth of natural spaces (such as Andrews Community Forest) that are readily accessible to members of this community. I would be very glad to support the management of the Community Forest for the benefit of all community members as a member of the Andrews Community Forest Committee.

I've dedicated my career to working in the space where human behavior and natural systems interact. That interface is a rich environment that, with intentional management, can yield a multitude of benefits. Personally, I experience these benefits as an amateur naturalist, an outdoor athlete, and a hunter and fisherman. Professionally, I've worked to promote positive outcomes where humans and nature interact as an outdoor educator, as a community engagement professional, and currently as an applied social scientist working primarily to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by transforming the ways in which humans generate, access, and use energy.

My strengths as a member of the Andrews Forest Committee would come from my rich experience developing strategies to engage public stakeholders. I have done work in this vein in environmental contexts including energy use, street tree management, recreation, and stormwater runoff. I would be very pleased to leverage this experience to support the management of Andrews Community Forest. Depending on the needs of the Committee, this could involve projects such as leading public comment efforts, facilitating co-development of management plans, or developing systematic methods for ensuring that the voices of all stakeholders are represented in the ongoing management of this shared resource. You can find details on my professional experience in stakeholder engagement, social science research, and environmental behavior change in the attached resume.

My wife Caitlin Littlefield serves on the Andrews Community Forest Committee. Although we are members of the same household, she and I bring very different skill sets to the projects on which we work. I would be very glad to participate in the management of this wonderful shared resource if the Committee determines that my community engagement related skills would be useful.

Nick

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