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Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders **Camden County Parks Division** Camden County Open Space Director Jack Sworaski Walt Whitman Arts Center Elizabeth Hanson Kuehner Trust

c/o Elizabeth Hanson Kuehner Trust 201 Cedar Avenue Somerdale, NJ 08083

**RE: Kuehner Property Application** 

To whom this may concern:

I am writing on behalf of the New Jersey Conservation Foundation (NJCF) to support the Walt Whitman Arts Center's application for the preservation of the Kuehner property in Laurel Springs, Camden County. This property not only has sufficient natural and cultural resource value to warrant its preservation, but it is consistent with the Camden County Open Space plan as it is part of the West Atco Greenway. The preservation of this parcel is also consistent the Garden State Greenways open space planning tool that NJCF developed with the NJDEP Green Acres Program and Rutgers University. We do recognize that this is a new and different undertaking for the Walt Whitman Arts Center but NJCF is willing to lend our expertise on property stewardship to aid them in providing a safe and enjoyable park for the residents of Camden County.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at chris@njconservation.org or (908) 234-1225 ext. 300 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Christopher R. Jage

Assistant Director for South Jersey