



Town Center Community Association

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RE: FY 23 Inner Arbor Trust Funding

Dear Chair Evans and Ms. Boyd:

The Board of the **Town Center Community Association (TCCA)** is asking for budgetary support of the Inner Arbor Trust in the Columbia Association's (CA) FY2023 Budget. We feel strongly that CA should allocate an award of at least \$198,127.07 to assist in funding the Trust's operating budget. This money is a small percentage of CA's overall budget and a worthwhile endeavor that benefits the entire community of Columbia.

In our FY23 Board priorities letter that we sent to CA on September 14, 2021, we noted that all "Open Space" is a "MUST DO" and was our overall **#1** priority for the FY 23 Budget out of eighteen priority categories. In addition, in our August 2021 Town Center survey "Open Space" was noted as a top priority with **34%** of people visiting Symphony Woods **at least** once per month.

Symphony Woods is vital to the Downtown Columbia community as an arts and culture park that everyone can enjoy. Its cultural programming, beautiful parkland and amenities are available for all visitors whether attending a concert at the Chrysalis, having a picnic, or enjoying a walk along the pathways and stream.

We appreciate CA's financial support for yearly maintenance of the park and pathways but would also ask for FY23 operating budget support for the Inner Arbor Trust as CA has done in the past. This is an investment that will provide significant community benefits to thousands of residents and visitors that enjoy the Park each year.

Thank you for considering our thoughts and suggestions. Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions.