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earth awareness foundation

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Mr. Robert Vines
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Dear Mr. Vines:

It was good talking with you on the phone recently. Your presentation to the Rotary Club of Space Center was especially interesting to those of us who share your view that the Armand Bayou area is particularly well suited to the development of an environmental laboratory and park, serving the educational and recreational interests and needs of our expanding population in this highly urbanized region of the Gulf Coast. Clearly the residents of this area, present and future, have need not only for facilities and experiences that sharpen environmental awareness, but also natural areas where they may find exercise, aesthetic delight and solitude.

As I mentioned to you earlier, the Earth Awareness Foundation will actively and energetically support and assist your efforts in acquiring the necessary acreage, determining the facilities design, function and long range goals, and securing the necessary talent and resources to maintain the activity in a professional manner.

It would be helpful to our group to obtain copies of correspondence, minutes of meetings, or memorandums of understanding now available or to be generated out of the interests of the several parties with whom you are discussing this concept.

Our office is in touch with several groups in this and other states which are developing or are now operating science parks or environmental laboratories for public use and research in such areas as ecology, botany, zoology and genetics. I am asking by a copy of this letter that Professor Richard Swallow, School of Architecture, The University of Texas at Austin, mail to you a copy of his study entitled, "Buescher Science Park Synthesis and Surviving Alternatives" dated April 1970. I think this will be of special interest to you and those with whom you are presently discussing this concept. I am also asking that Mr. Marlin Welsh, Shawnee Mission School District, Kansas, send you a description of the Shawnee Mission School District Environmental Education Laboratory which is

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presently drawing large numbers of school age youngsters from the surrounding area.

I am looking forward to assisting you in this most worthwhile project and comment you for your selfless involvement in meaningful service to the Houston community.

Very truly yours,

Eugene E. Horton
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