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To Whom It May Concern:

Rhode Island College (RIC) is very pleased to be partnering with Jed Greenberg on his Sustainable Communities Initiative (SCI) at Rhode Island College in spring 2012. RIC has partnered with Apeiron Institute for Sustainable Living over the past two years and we are familiar with the high caliber of Jed's work. In addition we have worked with Mark DeMoranville on the creation of a course, The Teaching and Practice of Environmental Sustainability, for K-12 teachers/administrators.

I believe that Jed's project and vision gets to the heart of a set of issues that have slowed and/or undermined community engagement in local sustainability efforts despite high community interest. SCI is designed to educate and to engage citizens and communities in local sustainability efforts. We believe that Jed's project provides an excellent combination of an examination of critical issues using local and regional guest specialists and grassroots training and action planning for community implementation primarily through volunteerism. SCI also addresses the issue of accomplishing a revenue stream that will make maintenance of local green initiatives possible.

RIC and Jed Greenberg have been engaged in discussions and planning sessions in order to create a system of delivery and support that meets the needs of traditional higher education students and participating members of RI's various communities. These discussions have developed into a true partnership that we believe will lead to systemic change for our state and for RIC.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for considering the training components of the Sustainable Communities Initiative project.

Sincerely,

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