Dear Kevin,

It was a pleasure to speak with you recently regarding your plan to enhance the civic landscape of Buffalo, and I appreciated the memorandum and correspondence from Jack Nicklaus you sent subsequently. Those materials reinforced my belief in your project to create public spaces that will combine Olmsted parks with Jack’s world-class golf course designs. Your idea holds significant economic and cultural potential for the Buffalo Niagara region. The core function of your plan—providing job skills to Buffalo’s under-resourced youth—is admirable and will add meaningful educational value to the project.

I believe you have developed the right financing strategy: to secure participation from individuals, businesses, and foundations—first in the Buffalo area, then in the New York financial sector, and finally at the national level. As you know, I know the latter two worlds well, and I would be glad to be of assistance to you and Jack as you pursue financing.

Congratulations on your progress thus far, and wishing you continued success with this important and exciting project. Please do not hesitate to let me know how else I might be of assistance.

Sincerely,

John L. Thornton