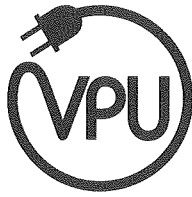


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December 26, 2019

Britt See-Benes  
City of Virginia  
327 1<sup>st</sup> Street South  
Virginia MN 55792

Dear Ms. See-Benes:

It is our pleasure to write a letter in support of the City's efforts to secure funding to renovate and construct southern portion of the Silver Lake Walking Trail.

The location of the existing Silver Lake trail is unsafe where it exists on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South as it passes through our and near our steam plant. Many times a day we receive deliveries with large trailers, move items around using heavy equipment, and by nature of our work have many hazardous conditions at any given moment.

By relocating a portion of the trail away from our work site and allowing the trail traffic to utilize alternative means to travel over Silver Lake, you will offer a safer means of travel for all who visit Silver Lake.

We fully support the efforts of the City on the Silver Lake Trail Improvement Project as they work to secure the remaining funds needed to complete this project.

Sincerely,  
VIRGINIA PUBLIC UTILITIES



Greg French  
General Manager