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The Cultural Landscape Foundation  
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Dear Mr. Wennerstrom:

I'm writing from the University of Rochester in Rochester, New York to provide an update and response to the recent report "Landslide 2022: The Olmsted Design Legacy," as well as the associated content on the CLF website regarding the university and its relationship to Genesee Valley Park.

First, I want to reaffirm the University of Rochester's strong commitment to the preservation of Genesee Valley Park as a community treasure and as an historic Frederick Law Olmsted park.

Second, I wanted to update you that we have decided against locating our operations center building in the particular section of University-owned property that is adjacent to Genesee Valley Park—the parcel identified in the CLF Threat materials. While we don't believe that constructing a facilities operations center on this portion of University property would disturb the park at all, we have been carefully listening to input from various community and preservation stakeholders over the past several months and incorporating this feedback into the planning for this project.

Moving forward, any future proposed development of this particular parcel will be aligned with the preservation and stewardship of Genesee Valley Park. We are currently working on an updated development plan regarding the location of our operations center building that does not involve considering any of our property that is adjacent to Genesee Valley Park.

Given this update, I ask that the CLF Threat webpage be revised accordingly, or the "Threat" content is removed entirely based on this information that I have provided to you. I would additionally request that the contact information for University of Rochester President Sarah Mangelsdorf be removed, along with the encouragement to write to our president on this topic.

Please be in touch if I can provide further information to you.

Regards,

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