

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Daniel Cooke. I am a resident of Ashland, OR, and I am a very enthusiastic supporter of Ashland Parks and Recreation, especially the North Mountain Park Nature Center. NMPNC is a wonderful expression of how the citizens of Ashland adore our natural surroundings here in Southern Oregon. The staff is brilliant and the programs & celebrations for both children and adults are the highest quality. I've attended several events and classes there and found many great ideas to incorporate in my life.

The "Otter Fence" which I am prepared to donate to this project is a hard-wood art piece with an estimated value of \$10,000. This piece is a hand-carved, single wooden panel, 182 inches long, that sits in a metal frame. Created by local sculptor Jack Langford and myself, it was always intended to be a gift to the citizens of Ashland. Originally it was on display downtown at a coffee shop, but when we sold the shop we kept this wonderful piece with the hope that one day we would find a way to share it with our fellow citizens again. The carving celebrates the natural world under the surface of a Southern Oregon river. Filled with images of local wildlife, it has always been a favorite with children and parents. The opportunity to present this gift to NMPNC for inclusion in a children's natural play area strikes me as the perfect match. I could not be more excited!

A note about Jack Langford. Jack is the multi-talented artist who is known for his full scale marble sculptures, live bronze pours, and much more. You may recognize him as the artist who converted the well-known statue "We are Here" to bronze for permanent display near the north intersection of Lithia and Main. Jack has expressed strong approval for displaying the Otter Fence at NMPNC and a willingness to provide technical insights regarding installation if needed.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Daniel Cooke". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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