

Letters of Support
Larry Owsley Nomination

for the
Joan Riehm Memorial Environmental Leadership Award
March 31, 2010

Submitted by:

Cathe Dykstra: Family Scholar House

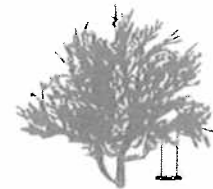
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Joan Stewart / Herb Fink: Old Louisville Neighborhood Council

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FAMILY SCHOLAR HOUSE

March 26, 2010

Partnership for a Green City
Attn: Review Committee
100-G Jouett Hall
University of Louisville
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Dear Review Committee Members:

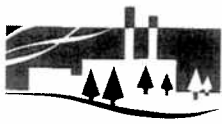
I was very pleased to learn that Larry Owsley, Vice President of Business Affairs at the University of Louisville (UofL), has been nominated for the Joan Riehm Memorial Environmental Leadership Award. In the four years that I have known and worked with Larry, I have had many opportunities to observe his leadership and commitment to our community.

I met Larry on April 3, 2006, when I came to his office to discuss plans for Family Scholar House (then known as Project Women) to build a small campus adjacent to some vacant UofL property. When I left our meeting that day, Larry's leadership and openness to creative solutions had resulted in a handshake agreement to collaborate to build a larger campus to include a child development center. Recognizing the barrier that lack of quality, convenient childcare poses not only for students but for others in the University community, Larry saw an opportunity to support our mission of ending the cycle of poverty through education while providing early education for our youngest participants and children of students, faculty and staff at the University of Louisville. Today, this center known as the Early Learning Campus, is serving 146 children from diverse backgrounds but with the common need of starting their educational journey on the right path.

Later in this same project, we worked together to incorporate green initiatives into the design of the Early Learning Campus (ELC), not because it was trendy, but because it offered new learning opportunities for our children and our community as we realized the benefits of this applied sustainable technology. The Roof Garden at the Early Learning Campus is an interactive space, capturing 90% of the rain water to be reabsorbed by plant life and providing a community garden we were grow produce to supplement the food stamps of our very low-income families.

Another example of the lasting impact of Larry's leadership is the coordination of security and services through the Department of Public Safety (DPS) for the families living at the Louisville Scholar House campus. For each family that has fled poverty and homelessness, often with past experiences of domestic violence, knowing that the officers at DPS are only 1 ½ minutes from campus in an emergency brings great peace of mind, further, this provides additional safety to the neighborhood around us and UofL and ensures coordinated law enforcement services with the UofL Belknap Campus. In my mind, this is what community means.

Changing lives, families and communities through education.

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March 29, 2010

Joan Riehm Environmental Leadership Award Review Committee
Partnership for a Green City

I am writing to express my support for Larry Owsley's nomination for the Joan Riehm Environmental Leadership Award. Based on the years that I have known Larry and the many important contributions he has made to sustainability projects, I am pleased to provide the following commentary and recommendation. I am familiar with Larry's work at the University of Louisville and feel that he is a leader "where the rubber meets the road" in sustainability. Larry is a very versatile individual and I feel through his work, he has demonstrated his breadth of knowledge in the areas of energy efficiency, waste management and sustainability, as well as his ability to devise a plan for solving institutional environmental issues and getting them implemented.

I feel that Larry "jumped on the sustainability bandwagon" with both feet when he realized the immense opportunities that were implementable for a metro university with many old facilities and the planning and support that would be needed to succeed. My knowledge of projects that Larry has worked on and supported at the university includes: the Partnership for a Green City's energy, green purchasing, and recycling committees; Operations Committee Chair for the Sustainability Council; the energy savings performance contract with Siemens; LEED certification for the Bio-safety Lab, Duthie Engineering Center, and the HSC building; and, the renovation that is on-going at Burhans Hall (Shelby Campus). Being housed at Burhans Hall, I feel that Larry had a hand in approving energy efficiency technologies being implemented and he provided actual funding for 50% of the domestic solar hot water system.

In working with Larry, I have consistently found him to be a personable, articulate and an effective member of university leadership in helping to realize the university's sustainability potential. I feel he works hard and "goes the extra mile" to complete tasks and assist others. Also, it is to his credit that Larry is inquisitive and enjoys discussing technical issues to the point of understanding fundamental principles that I feel results in good technology transfer. Knowing the contributions Larry has made to this point, help demonstrate why I feel he will continue to be a valuable resource for sustainability at UofL. Given Larry's combination of knowledge, ability, determination and dedication to excellence he has demonstrated through his sustainability contributions, I would highly recommend him for the Joan Riehm Environmental Leadership Award.

For More and Better Sustainability,

Cam Metcalf
Executive Director



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March 30, 2010

Partnership for a Green City
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Re: Larry Owsley Nomination

To Whom It May Concern:

I am an attorney with Greenebaum Doll & McDonald PLLC in Louisville practicing environmental law, and during the last 15 years have represented the University of Louisville in environmental matters, particularly with respect to its acquisition and redevelopment of Brownfield properties near the campus. During that time period, I have been involved with the acquisition of the former CSX property which has been transformed into Papa John's Cardinal Stadium, the Jim Patterson baseball stadium, projects along the I-65 corridor, and most recently, the development of the University Residence Louisville property on the former American Standard property on the west side of campus.

The common thread among all of these projects has been Larry Owsley and his ability to acquire contaminated or underutilized properties, address the environmental conditions in a responsible and cost-effective manner, and then turn them into productive use. I was a student at the University between 1969 and 1975, and the transformation of the campus from that time until now has been miraculous.

In the past two years, I represented the Edwards Companies in their development of University Residence-Louisville, the 440-bed privately developed residence halls that have been built where the former American Standard property was located. The American Standard property was an eyesore with asbestos-laden buildings and groundwater contamination that extended beneath the property. I was told by Edwards management that but for the efforts of Larry Owsley to assist and encourage them in developing this property, the blighted American Standard buildings would still be standing.

I am sure that there are other redevelopment projects on the campus with which I have not been involved, but that have been important in extending the University's footprint, which in turn

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March 31, 2010

To: **The Joan Riehm Environmental Leadership Award Review Committee**

I am sending this correspondence to help demonstrate the environmental stewardship that the University of Louisville, particularly Mr. Larry Owsley demonstrated by developing Papa John's Cardinal Stadium on an old railroad yard. This project was complicated not only by site contamination issues but also by the then lack of a statewide brownfield redevelopment program in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Undaunted by these regulatory and technical issues the University of Louisville's Department of Environmental Health and Safety with Mr. Owsley's guidance and support worked their way through this uncharted territory, and negotiated (based on good science and sound engineering) site development and remediation techniques that allowed the construction of the *Stadium* to serve as the remediation "cap". Mr. Owsley negotiated the distribution of environmental cost back to the former site owner. These efforts allowed this project to win two national awards: the Prestigious **Phoenix Award** for the best Brownfield redevelopment project in the nation presented by the Western Pennsylvania Brownfield Association and the USEPA; and the **Carl V. Anderson Conservation Project Award of Excellence** presented by the Association of Conservation Engineers.

In addition it should be noted that because of Mr. Owsley work at the University of Louisville and the economic benefits of the Papa John's Cardinal Stadium the University of Louisville and other property owners in the area have experienced considerable re-use and re-birth of many adjoining and nearby properties. Mr. Owsley and the University of Louisville should be commended for their leadership in environmental stewardship.

I am proud to have been a part of this brownfield revitalization and to have been associated with Mr. Owsley.

Sincerely
MACTEC ENGINEERING AND CONSULTING, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick Schmitt", written over a horizontal line.

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March 31, 2010

To: Partnership for a Green City Review Committee

From: Herb Fink, Chair, Property Improvement Committee

Re: Joan Riehm, Environmental Leadership Award Honoring Sustainable Environmental Leadership in Public Service

Dear Review Committee Members,

Mr. Larry Owsley, Vice President for Business Affairs, University of Louisville has worked with and related to the Old Louisville neighborhood over a period of many years so as to continue to improve a sustainable environment for both the Belknap Campus and the Old Louisville Neighborhood.

Some of the many involvements in which we have worked together are as follows:

- To recycle vacant and deteriorating properties for reuse that is compatible to the campus and the neighborhood which is a Landmarks protected area.
- To eliminate land use which is harmful to the campus-neighborhood.
- To eliminate over-the-road truck traffic and through vehicular traffic from the campus-neighborhood.
- To convert unused and unmaintained open space to viable green space for human use and enjoyment.
- To review new development taking place within the campus-neighborhood area.
- To work together to eliminate graffiti and other undesirable features within the campus-neighborhood.
- To improve public ways with Avenue trees, appropriate signage, street furniture, placing wires underground, improve lighting and other.
- To work together to provide future compatible land use planning for the campus neighborhood.

The above are but a few of the many involvements our neighborhood has worked with Larry and his office over many years.

We trust the review committee will recognize the many years of commitment Larry has dedicated to the improvement of the Belknap campus and to the Old Louisville neighborhood and present Larry with the Joan Riehm Environmental Leadership Award.

Yours sincerely,

Joan Stewart, Chair
Old Louisville Neighborhood Council

Herb Fink, Chair
Property Improvement Committee

March 31, 2010

Re: Letter of Support for Vice President for Business Affairs, Larry Owsley
Nominee for Joan Riehm Memorial Sustainability Leadership Award

Dear Committee:

Diversity is one of the sustainability components of the STARS report. As Vice Provost for Diversity, I am pleased to write this letter in support of Larry Owsley's nomination for the Joan Riehm Memorial Sustainability Leadership Award. I have known Mr. Owsley for over eight years in his role as Vice President for Business Affairs at the University of Louisville. We have served on various committees together, and I have always been impressed by his outstanding leadership and commitment to diversity.

Larry and I worked very closely together and played key roles in developing the university's first Discriminatory Harassment Policy. He was instrumental in working to resolve a volatile situation relating to African American students' displeasure over a statue of a Confederate soldier located on the street adjacent to a central walkway on our main campus. While the monument is owned by and located on city property, the University recognized an urgent need to address the student concerns. Mr. Owsley took swift action in developing a proposal to rename and refocus the Confederate monument. As a result, the campus area near the monument is now known as "Freedom Park," and serves as an interpretive reference within the context of the slavery and Civil War experiences in Louisville.

The African American Theater Program hosts their annual Martin Luther King performance at the Playhouse which is located in Freedom Park, and each year Mr. Owsley is on the program to share the history of how Freedom Park was developed, reinforcing the university's commitment to diversity.

Mr. Owsley was one of the leading founders for the Early Learning Center which is the university's daycare that serves the needs of students and employee parents.

Most recently, Mr. Owsley converted six restrooms to gender neutral as part of an agreement he made with leaders from commonGround, the university LGBT student organization. According to the students, bathrooms are often the places where harassment is most encountered. When someone whose gender expression appears to be different from their genetic identity, they are often the victims of personal attacks. This action by Vice President Owsley has made a significant impact on the campus climate for the LGBT population on our campus.

Sincerely,



Mordean Taylor-Archer, Ph.D.
Vice Provost for Diversity

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