

Amy Lacy

From: Jim Carpenter <CarpenterJ@wbu.com>
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2025 8:42 PM
To: Amy Lacy
Cc: Nancy Carpenter
Subject: Submission for Zionsville Town Council Meeting Aug 4

Dear Town Council members:

We, Jim and Nancy Carpenter, are writing to express our strong support for the full appropriation of available funds by the Town Council for the Carpenter Nature Preserve.

Over the last several years, the Town, the State, and other donors to the project have worked in good faith with the understanding that awards from state and federal conservation grants would be used to open the Carpenter Nature Preserve to the public.

Because we feel so strongly about the benefits of parks and nature for the citizens of Zionsville, we made the choice to donate \$1.5 million in the Bargain Sale of the Preserve to the Town of Zionsville and \$500,000 to the Zionsville Parks Foundation to help the Town of Zionsville make the Carpenter Nature Preserve a reality.

In addition, in the Purchase Agreement for the property, all parties agreed to use the funds received from the Land & Water Conservation Fund (\$500,000) and the Next Level Conservation Trust (\$3,000,000) to “purchase and/or development” of the Carpenter Nature Preserve.

Now that the Town of Zionsville owns the Preserve, it is clear that the funds from these grants are intended to be used to further develop the Preserve.

Please vote “Yes” on the resolution to approve an appropriation for the Parks Department to fully utilize these funds as they were always intended - to make the Carpenter Nature Preserve a wonderful and special reality for all of Zionsville.

Thanks so much,
Jim & Nancy Carpenter