



Friends of Northwest Park, Inc.
P.O. Box 773, Windsor, CT 06095

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Dear

I write to you on behalf of the *Friends of Northwest Park*. Established in 1981, we are the main support group for Northwest Park and its Nature Center in Windsor. We have raised funds for many of the parks needs such as furnishing and carpeting the center and enhancing program offerings. Most recently we provided funding to install a geothermal HVAC system for the Nature Center.

Our latest major project is one of which we are quite proud, and hope you will be able to help us complete it. The Friends have worked with the Park staff to provide public programming in the art of making maple syrup for more than three decades. We draw folks from all over North Central Connecticut during the maple season to learn first hand this rite of spring. Our new project is to upgrade and enlarge the existing sugarhouse. This will enable our volunteers to enhance the maple program, upgrade the utilities, and make the facility handicap accessible. We were successful in getting a grant from the State of Connecticut's Department of Agriculture - a grant which has enabled us to move forward. But more is needed to make this project a success. The grant requires that we raise 40% in matching funds.

Your donation can help us achieve our goal of raising the \$30,000 to access state funding and make the Sugarhouse Expansion Project a success. Will you able to make a contribution?

The Friends of Northwest Park Inc is a 501c3 non profit, which allows you to make your gift tax deductible. Please make your check payable to Friends of Northwest Park and mail it to the address above indicating that it is for the Sugarhouse Project. Or, you may contribute online at www.northwestpark.org.

Please feel free to contact Chuck Drake directly with any specific questions about this exciting project by calling [860-622-8176](tel:860-622-8176). Chuck is the individual who has made the Sugarhouse project and expansion possible.

I want to thank you in advance for your serious consideration to make a donation. With your help our volunteers will be able to provide a meaningful experience for young and old alike for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Member, *Friends of Northwest Park Inc.*