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Dear Lenore:

The Indiana State Museum is very excited about the possibility of working with your group to share environmental science education and novel technology and visualization tools with Museum visitors. The RIVER Project is an important program that will provide the new State Museum with exciting collaborations for science education and curriculum development.

Our staff is anxious to work with University researchers to explore the tools and technologies used to study ecosystem restoration in urban environments. Another great benefit of this collaboration is that your research site is within walking distance of the Museum. This will allow for even more active participation by museum visitors.

As you know, the new Museum has a large classroom space that is wired for distance education programs. We currently offer formal workshops for school groups and would welcome the development of workshop content based around the RIVER (Research, Instrumentation, and Visualization for Ecosystem Restoration) research and instrumentation platforms.

The new Indiana State Museum opened its new facility in May, 2002 and with the mission of the Education Department to "instill a desire in our audiences to gain more knowledge about the art, science and culture of the state of Indiana." Your project speaks directly to this mission.

We welcome the opportunity to work together with you to plan programs, develop curriculum and create exciting visualization platforms for use in both formal and informal programs. We will work with you to identify display space, likely in either the Naturalist's Lab or the Tomorrow's Indiana gallery for a visualization display and virtual environment lab.

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We wish you luck in your submission and look forward to working with you in the near future. Thanks you for including us as a partner for forward thinking educational programming.

Sincerely,

Colleen M. Smyth
Director of Education