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*Re: Watershed Legacy Learning Community
Citizens Moving to Action Program*

Dear Rod:

It is with great pleasure, hope and expectation that I offer this letter of support for the referenced proposal for the Watershed Legacy Learning Community. This is an excellent proposal that cuts straight to the heart of the ecological restoration challenge. It is sure to yield resounding success.

Sadly, it has taken epic failures of civic process to show us that **ecological restoration is much more a cultural than a technical issue**. My heart goes out to those whose losses have served as our education — as does my commitment to do everything I can to curtail such absurdity.

As a landscape, Walla Walla offers phenomenal potential for a world-class, sustainable community. We are blessed with an abundance of fertile soil, clean water, excellent growing conditions, striking beauty, and intelligent, well-intentioned people who have adapted their agricultural production systems to the naturally-available water supply (run-of-river agriculture). When we, as a community, come to embrace all that is possible with our available resources, we will undoubtedly be the envy of many.

But to tap this potential, we have got to start thinking and behaving very differently. For our *actions* to be right, our *plans* have to be right — and for our *plans* to be right our *process* has to be right. **Good process is hard work and it will only be led by citizens with a clear understanding of it and passionate commitment to it.**

Fountainhead is proud to step forward as a partner in the Watershed Legacy vision that owes so much to Peter Donaldson and his father Jack — not to mention the courageous citizens of our Pacific Northwest communities who will ultimately become its driving force.

Onward!

John Warinner, PE
President