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Dear Mr. McLarty:

Congratulations on the federal funds secured for the Razorback Greenway trail through Northwest Arkansas. We are the State Marketing Board for Recyclables appointed by the Governor and are strong advocates for the use of recyclables in Arkansas parks, trails, parking lots and roadways. We are tasked by the Governor to assist businesses, industries and communities with recycling and sustainability efforts.

We feel that this trail would be a perfect opportunity for Northwest Arkansas to utilize recycled materials. According to the Director of Highways and Transportation, recycled asphalt shingles (RAS) from manufactured waste are allowed on Arkansas Highways and Transportation projects and to date, 3,981 tons of asphalt concrete hot mix has been placed on two projects.

Northwest Arkansas is a leader in the state in utilizing recyclables in roadways and currently has a stretch of roadway on Zion Road in Fayetteville and one in Washington County, near Stonebridge Meadows Golf Course, in which recycled shingles and asphalt have been used. McClelland Consulting Engineers, Inc. in Fayetteville, AR, along with Pulaski County and Pulaski County Regional Solid Waste Management District, have developed a Glassphalt mixture design for trails and parking lots that is being used for the River Trail in Central Arkansas.

Northwest Arkansas has become the example for the use of recyclables in roadways. Your leadership can be a guide to practical and cost effective use of recyclables in public venues for the future of Arkansas' sustainability efforts.

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We hope that you take this opportunity to incorporate recyclable materials in the asphalt mix in bids obtained for the Razorback Greenway trail. As you stated in the article written in the Northwest Arkansas Times on April 10, 2011, "It's a big deal for Northwest Arkansas" and it could be a large step in helping Northwest Arkansas become an environmentally conscious leader.

Sincerely,

State Marketing Board for Recyclables:

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cc: Richard Davies, AR Dept. of Parks & Tourism
Honorable Mike Beebe, Governor of Arkansas