

Dutch Creek
Winery
ATHENS OHIO

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Shannon Wells
Morgan County Economic Development
155 East Main Street, Room 135
McConnelsville, Ohio 43756

Ms. Shannon Wells,

I would like to take a moment and express my support for the planned improvements at Jesse Owens State Park.

As a small winery focusing on honey and fruit wines, as well as an operator of a short term rental in Southeast Ohio, I cannot express enough how much we rely on tourism for the success of our business. The in-person experience is what help sells our wine both when a visitor first steps into our tasting room as well as after they return home and decide to purchase our wine from a local supplier in their home town based upon a memory of the great time they had in the greater Southeast Ohio area.

As such, I fully encourage the funding of the development of tourism based resources at Jesse Owens State Park as this not only helps the local economy in the Appalachian region of our state, but also helps to generate economic activity when these patron return home, generating an exponential increase for the investments made.

Sincerely,



Paul Freedman, Owner and President