



# TOWN OF UNIVERSITY PARK

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Wednesday February 22, 2012

Dear Mayor Archer,

Thank you for attending University Park's recent Community Energy Fair, during which I announced our intention to partner with Riverdale Park to expand the Small Town Energy Program (STEP-UP). I now write to follow up with you about this matter, in the hope that we can work together to deliver the STEP-UP program to residents in Riverdale Park in the coming months.

As you may recall, STEP-UP is funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to the Town of University Park. The grant runs through July, 2013. We have been given formal permission from the DOE to use a portion of grant funds to deliver STEP-UP outside of University Park. The DOE's only requirement, assuming you are in agreement with having STEP-UP delivered in your community, is that we have a letter of commitment jointly signed by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

On a related note, the DOE has also granted University Park permission to use STEP-UP funds to support a transportation study for a circulator bus. This is something I would like to fold into our STEP-UP discussion, given the shared impact that the Cafritz development and a circulator bus could have on both of our communities.

My colleague Chuck Wilson will follow up with you in the coming days to see if we can find a time next week to meet and discuss these issues in person. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. Thank you - I look forward to working with you on this exciting program.

Kind regards,

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John Rogard Tabori  
Mayor, University Park

Encl: Summary of STEP-UP Partnering Points for Discussion