

Andrew Tussing  
Streets and Parks Manager  
City of Northfield  
1710 Riverview Drive  
Northfield, MN 55057

April 8, 2026

Dear Andrew:

**This letter is to confirm that, as trustee of The Loren Dean and Betty Ann Reichert Charitable Fund, I would like to designate a \$125,000 donation in memory of Loren and Betty to the City of Northfield for the acquisition of trees for its parks and trails to replace trees lost due to the emerald ash borer and to support their care.**

My late uncle, Loren Dean Reichert, died on November 16, 2025, at his home in Northfield. He loved this city. He met his wife, Betty Ann Forster, at Carleton College, where they both graduated in 1961. They were college sweethearts and married later that year. Betty died three years ago while they were living on the West Coast.

Loren was a college professor, dedicating most of his career as a sociologist at the University of Nevada Las Vegas. They spent most of their years in Las Vegas. After Betty died in 2023, he decided to move “home” to Northfield in early 2024, buying a house on Peterson Drive. In retirement, he supported many causes, especially those focused on mitigating climate change and preserving wildlife habitats. He was particularly concerned about deforestation worldwide.

Last summer, he enjoyed watching geese raise their families in Hidden Valley Park, and he was dismayed to see the impact the emerald ash borer was having on Northfield’s tree canopy – infecting trees in that park. His mantra during his final months was: “We need to plant trees!”

Planting trees would be a wonderful way to honor my uncle and aunt’s memory and to give back to a community they treasured. This gift would also acknowledge the impact this community has on so many students who call Northfield home while attending Carleton and St. Olaf Colleges.

On a personal note, thanks to my uncle, Reynaldo and I have decided to make Northfield our home ... moving from Minneapolis to his house on Peterson Drive.

I am told by my contacts at BNY Charitable that a direct donation from the fund can be made to a municipal government. We would just need to provide information from the City of Northfield to facilitate the receipt of the gift. If you need to reach me, my cell is 612-708-5275.

Best,



Karl Reichert  
Trustee, The Loren Dean and Betty Ann Reichert Charitable Fund