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RE: Letter of Support – Anina Gerchick

To Whom It May Concern,

NYC Parks is working with Anina Gerchick on a temporary public art exhibition, *BIRDLINK*, for Sara D. Roosevelt Park, Manhattan. *BIRDLINK* would be installed in 2019 for a period of one year. Ms. Gerchick's proposal has received full approvals from NYC Parks to exhibit her sculpture as a temporary artwork.

BIRDLINK is a prototype for temporary living sculptures that deploy networks of native plants to support native and migratory birds that are in serious decline while bringing greenery to urban spaces and inspiring the public to appreciate and support their feathered neighbors. This would be an exciting and rare instance where our temporary public art program will merge with and inform Parks' relationship with this unique contingent.

Ms. Gerchick's artwork is an asset to the City's artistic discourse, and NYC Parks' Art in the Parks program. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Masella

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