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City of Augusta  
Mr. William Bridgeo  
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Mr. Bridgeo,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank your Parks and Recreation Dept. for all of the assistance they provided us for our "Recovery Wellness Rally" on September 21<sup>st</sup>. The Waterfront Park turned out to be a beautiful setting for our event and provided us with everything we needed. Jim Goulet came out that morning to make sure we had everything that we needed and he checked back during the course of the day. That is definitely a person that is dedicated to the citizens of Augusta and his job! Leif Dahlin was such a help for me during the initial planning process back in July. Mr. Goulet and Mr. Dahlin offered us the use of chairs, canopies, picnic tables that surely saved us money.

Our event was well attended by at least 150 people celebrating their recovery! My planning committee is already excited about next Septembers Recovery event and we are in hopes that it will continue to grow. I have already spoken to Mr. Goulet about the use of Mill Park which gives us better visibility and accommodations. Jim and Leif definitely get a "thumbs up" from my organization!

Sincerely,

Darren Ripley, Coordinator, Maine Alliance for Addiction Recovery