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To whom it may concern:

During the 2024-2025 academic year, the Envirothon team at Doherty High School in Worcester partnered with Harvard Forest as part of their Community Action project. As such, they coordinated with Harvard Forest staff and Mass DCR partners to establish a long term forest monitoring plot at their school as part of our "Our Changing Forests" schoolyard ecology participatory science program. The data that they collected this year was entered into the Harvard Forest Schoolyard Ecology data base and made publicly available through that platform. This data helps provide insight into forest composition and change in the long term in central Massachusetts.

The Doherty team additionally visited Harvard Forest one afternoon and helped to take a few measurements at one of our plot sites here in Petersham.

We are grateful for the Doherty team's partnership and participation this year and look forward to a continued collaboration.

Sincerely,

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