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Ms. Deirdre Hewitt  
Southeast Program Manager  
National Park Service Southeast Regional Office  
Atlanta Federal Center  
1924 Building  
100 Alabama Street, S.W.  
Atlanta, GA 30303

RE: 2015 National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program Application

Dear Ms. Hewitt,

I am writing to you on behalf of Woodford Forward in support of the Application for Community Assistance for the Bluegrass Bike Hike Horseback Water Trails Alliance (BBHHWTA) Phase II.

Woodford Forward is a group of citizens and business owners that advocate for innovative policies that promote the highest and best use of urban land and the agricultural use of productive farmland throughout Woodford County. By working with government officials and the community, Woodford Forward provides land use advocacy for the innovative development and redevelopment of our urban areas and adequate infrastructure for citizens and businesses. Through these efforts, we will promote the link between quality of life and economic development.

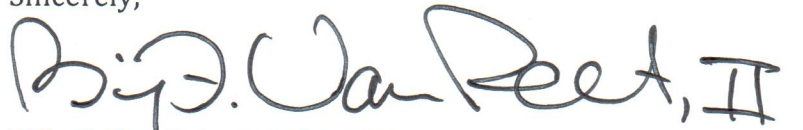
The Application for Community Assistance for the Bluegrass Bike Hike Horseback Water Trails Alliance Phase II is aligned with our Mission Statement, our Vision, and our core Values. By providing funds for the next phase of the Bluegrass Trails Master Plan, located in the heart of the Bluegrass Region, the BBHHWTA project will contribute to the quality of life and the long-term economic vitality of Woodford County and our region. The Phase II Master Plan will be the foundation for comprehensive planning, tourism and multi-modal transportation throughout the region.

Adequate infrastructure, be it public works or recreation, is a basic

component of our quality of life and it is directly linked to economic development in Woodford County. An outstanding network of multi-modal trails, that tourists traveling from around the world to Versailles, Midway, Woodford County, and the region to use, will only enhance our brand identity. Additionally, planning for trail infrastructure is an economic development tool that attracts entrepreneurs, new residents and new businesses to Woodford County and the region.

Woodford Forward strongly supports this Application for Community Assistance for the Bluegrass Bike Hike Horseback Water Trails Alliance (BBHHWTA) Phase II and we hope that you will favorably consider this application. I have enclosed our brochure for your review. If you have any questions, please contact me at [billyvanpelt@woodfordforward.org](mailto:billyvanpelt@woodfordforward.org) or at 859-846-4033.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Billy F. Van Pelt, II". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "B" and "V".

Billy F. Van Pelt, II, MBA, RLA  
CEO, Woodford Forward