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To: MS Outdoor Stewardship Trust Board

From: Jon McCraw, City Manager

Date: February 4th, 2026

RE: Project Extension

The City of Diamondhead is requesting an extension to the Noma Drive Walking Trail project due to major changes in funding. The original project was to include a grant from the MS Restore Act Fund. The Restore Act grant was denied in 2024, so the city worked with the engineer to redesign the trail to only include the MOSTF grant and the Tidelands grant that were previously awarded. We were moving forward and ready to complete final design on this project when we received notice from Governor Reeves office that the MS Restore Act grant was approved for 2025.

For this reason, we are requesting to return to our original design and have changed the name of the project to the Rotten Bayou Nature Trail. I have met with the engineer and have them moving forward with the new design. The Restore Act grant is for the construction of 2.6-miles of nature trails to include grass, gravel, pedestrian bridges and deck walks to help connect Noma Drive Boat Launch to Montjoy Creek Walking Trail. The MOSTF and Tidelands grants will be used to help extend the total distance to over 3 miles.

The engineering firm is currently working on the new layout and design for the nature trail and will start next month with the permitting process. Current estimated timeline is to open bids in June with a July start date on construction.



Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund

PROJECT AGREEMENT AMENDMENT REQUEST FORM

Project Information

Project # : BB.007-030

Project Completion % : 0

Project Name: Noma Drive Walking Trail

Grantee : City of Diamondhead

Total Project Amount:

\$ 5,500,000.00

Current Project Agreement Date:

02/14/2024

Total Funding Approved:

\$ 500,000.00

Current Project Expiration Date:

04/10/2026

Total Match Commitment:

\$ 5,000,000.00

Date of Amendment Request:

02/03/2026

Amendment Request Information

Describe in detail the changes to be requested:

Please see attached letter.

Are you requesting an increase in funding from MOSTF? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If yes, provide an itemized budget sheet that details the amended budget for the entire project

Please provide a detailed reason for change of scope:

Jon McCraw

Entity Project Manager Signature

Print Name

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS. Please ensure all required fields are completed accurately and all necessary supporting documentation is attached. Save the completed form and documentation as a single PDF file, if possible. Email the form to ms-outdoor-steward-trust@dfa.ms.gov with "Reimbursement Request - [Your Name/Organization]" in the subject line. Retain a copy of the email and submitted documents for your records.