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Mississippi Urban Forest Council
164 Trace Cove Drive
Madison, Mississippi 39110

RE: MS Tidelands Grant (*Mississippi Gulf Coast Arboretum* – Pilot Program)

Dear Ms. Yowell:

On behalf of the City of Diamondhead, I am pleased to confirm the city's commitment to partnering with the Mississippi Urban Forest Council as part of its proposed *Mississippi Gulf Coast Arboretum* project.

As you are aware, the City of Diamondhead is working to establish a dedicated system of urban green spaces that preserve natural habitats and where possible adds support for a comprehensive stormwater management approach for our community.

We are excited about the opportunity to work with the MS Urban Forest Council as part of this pilot project that will lead to one or more of these areas being certified as an Urban Arboretum.

Should this proposal be selected for funding, the City of Diamondhead will provide in-kind assistance in the form of staff time to support key aspects of this project.

We look forward to the successful positive outcomes that will flow from this project for our citizens and the greater Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Reso
City Manager
City of Diamondhead