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October 7, 2025

Georgia Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division

2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, SE, Suite 1152 East Tower Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Subject: Support for Treutlen Regional Trail Project - Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program (GOSP) Pre- Application

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing on behalf of the Effingham County Board of Commissioners to express our full support for the Treutlen Trail Project as part of the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program (GOSP) Pre-Application. Effingham County is seeking \$3,000,000.00 in funding to support this important project. This project aligns with the GOSP's goals, which include conserving natural resources, improving recreational infrastructure, and providing significant regional benefits. We are committed to providing matching funds of \$1,600,000.00, which will be sourced from the Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) allocated for the Treutlen Trail Project. We believe that this project will have a lasting positive impact on our community, providing our residents with access to high-quality outdoor spaces

and ensuring the conservation of our natural resources for generations to come.

Thank you for considering our application. We are looking forward to advancing this important project with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

Sincerely,

Damon Rahn, Chairman, Effingham County Board of Commissioners

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