

June 1, 2022

Commander
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District
Attention: Mr. Adam White
4751 Best Road, Suite 140
College Park, Georgia 30337

Re: SAS -2020-00182, Georgia Department of Economic Development

Please accept this letter of support for the Rivian Automotive project in Social Circle, Georgia.

This project is set to bring 7,500 quality jobs and additional tax revenues to fund our local schools and essential government services such as police, fire, roads, and other infrastructure. This project is vital to bring regional access to quality jobs, improve our existing workforce, provide great career pathways for our current and future students, and provide local industry partners for high school students and technical colleges.

In addition, the Rivian project will provide more career opportunities for minorities in the area, more job opportunities for highly educated graduates coming out of our universities, provide hope for a future and motivation for our children and grandchildren, and a stable income to support families.

Rivian Automotive has agreed to pay a Payment in lieu of Taxes (PILOT) of \$300,000,000 over 25 years with approximately 60% going to our school systems to include Jasper County Schools, Morgan County Schools, Newton County Schools, Social Circle Schools, and Walton County Schools.

This company plans to produce electric vehicles which will reduce carbon emissions on our planet. Approximately 65,000 people daily commute out of our area to work in other counties. This project will allow the opportunity for many of these commuters to like and work in their own communities.

This project will use existing water resources through the Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority (NCWSA). NCWSA is in the process of engineering and installing a water reuse system that will recycle water and further reduce the use of source water. Also, Rivian promotes water and land conservation and it committed to building an environmentally conscious campus.

The streams and wetlands on the property are of low quality due to hundreds of years of intense farming on the properties. Many of the streams have been altered and the ponds are all man-made. Rivian's site plan is designed to provide minimal impact to the extent possible.

Finally, Rivian will adhere to all local, state, and federal regulations which protect water quality. Studies have been performed that show impacts to local groundwater are unlikely to span beyond the project boundaries.

In conclusion, our organization wishes to provide our full support for Rivian Automotive and its applications to the Army Corp of Engineers.

Sincerely,