

**COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE CITY OF WEST MONROE AND  
OUACHITA GREEN**

This Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (the “Agreement”), is made, entered into and effective as of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of **February, 2025**, by and between the City of West Monroe (the “City”), a municipality existing under the laws of the State of Louisiana, and Ouachita Green, a nonprofit organization comprised of members of Keep Monroe, Keep West Monroe and Keep Ouachita Parish Beautiful (“Green”).

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, Article VII, Section 14c of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana provides that “For a public purpose, the state and its political subdivisions or political subdivisions or political corporations may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the United States or its agencies, or with any public or private association, corporation, or individual.”,

**WHEREAS**, the City has a legal obligation and right to promote economic development and growth within the corporate limits of the city of West Monroe in Ouachita Parish, as well as, throughout Northeast Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS**, litter abatement, environmental education, and beautification are areas which have been identified by prospective developers as a critical need for effective economic development in West Monroe, LA; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of West Monroe is participating in a collaborative effort to address this critical need through regional cooperation with future developers, Keep Monroe, Keep West Monroe and Keep Ouachita Parish Beautiful which will help address this initiative, and previous collaborations have been very successful.

**WHEREAS**, it is the mission of Ouachita Green to promote and encourage litter control, beautification project, recycling, waste minimization and proper disposal of hazardous waste, assist with soliciting grants, enlist public and private support and developing ongoing programs focusing on changing personal attitudes; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of West Monroe as the regional commercial hub and population center for Northeast Louisiana supports this collaborative effort and as a leader has demonstrated its investment in the project with a designation of funds for the programs and missions stated herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, the City and Green do hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1. Throughout the term of this cooperative endeavor agreement, Green will operate as a conduit with the other partners noted herein in reasonable accord with the underlying principles of this agreement;

2. GREEN shall use the funds provided by the City of West Monroe in the amount of \$25,000 per year, matching or in-kind funds from the other participants and such additional funds that will be raised to obtain the services of staff to coordinate the activities set forth herein

3. GREEN shall fully document the expenditure of the funds provided by the City of West Monroe. The requirement for documentation may be satisfied by an independent audit and unqualified opinion of the program by a licensed CPA and shall be submitted annually to the City of West Monroe.

4. The Term of this cooperative endeavor agreement shall be for three (3) years from the effective date of February 1, 2025 providing all documentation required herein is submitted and approved by the City of West Monroe prior to funding being released for each subsequent year.

5. Green shall provide quarterly reports to the City identifying the services obtained, the source and availability of matching funds, the programs in process and the training and support being provided with the funds used pursuant to this cooperative endeavor agreement.

**IN WITNESS** whereof, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first set forth above.

OUACHITA GREEN

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tim Mcilveene, President

THE CITY OF WEST MONROE

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Staci Albritton Mitchell, Mayor