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Mr. Jimmy Walters  
Roanoke River Rails to Trails, Inc.  
200 S. Mecklenburg Ave.  
South Hill, VA 23970

Dear Mr. Walters:

On behalf of Halifax County, I am happy to offer full support of the Roanoke River Rails to Trails, Inc. (RRRTT) application to the Virginia Department of Recreation and Conservation's Recreational Trails Program. This funding would allow the necessary maintenance improvements and installation of new amenities to the Tobacco Heritage Trail.

The Tobacco Heritage Trail is a fundamental tool for enhancing regional competitiveness, increasing heritage tourism, and improving community health outcomes. Funding support from the Department of Conservation and Recreation will enable RRRTT to replace critical Trail amenities that have reached the end of their useful life and make repairs to damaged trail components. RRRTT will also be able to install amenities on sections of the trail which previously lacked those features due to funding restraints at the time of construction.

These repairs and improvements to the Tobacco Heritage Trail will preserve this important regional asset which serves as a tourist attraction for the region and creates a better quality of life for local residents.

Halifax County supports this project which will provide invaluable assistance to the Tobacco Heritage Trail in our locality and region.

Sincerely,

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