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May 3, 2023

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

Dear Mr. Walters

The Town of Kenbridge offers full support of the Roanoke River Rails to Trails, Inc. (RRRTT) application to the Virginia Department of Recreation and Conservation's Recreational Trails Program to receive funding to make necessary maintenance improvements and install 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. With the funding support from the Department of Conservation and Recreation, RRRTT will be able 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 that lacked them due to funding restraints at the time of construction.

These repairs and improvements to the Tobacco Heritage Trail will preserve this regional asset and tourist attraction that brings people to the region, and creates a better quality of life for local residents.

As part of the proposed project activities take place on land owned by the Town of Kenbridge, we also hereby give permission for project activities to take place on that property as well.

On behalf of the Town of Kenbridge, I pledge support toward this project that will provide invaluable assistance to the Tobacco Heritage Trail in our locality and region.

Sincerely,

Tony Matthews

Kenbridge Town Manager