



CITY of VALDOSTA, GEORGIA

John Gayle
Mayor

December 19, 2019

Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Board of Trustees and Staff of the
Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program
c/o Ms. Taylor Brown
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SE
Suite 1370, East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334

SUBJECT: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR CONSERVE GEORGIA GRANT PRE-APPLICATION FOR LAND ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT OF TROUPVILLE RIVER CAMP IN LOWNDES COUNTY

Dear Ms. Brown and Board of Trustees:

On behalf of the Valdosta City Council, it is with great pleasure that we supply this letter of support for the WWALS Watershed Coalition's pre-application for grant assistance for the Troupville River Camp in Lowndes County.

The Troupville River Camp would be a great asset to our community. The proposed property is in an excellent location near the Confluence of the Little River with the Withlacoochee River and not far from I-75 and GA Highway 133. The initial investment for this project would be small and the long-term eco-tourism it would create would be far reaching. Not only would the Troupville River Camp be a boon to Valdosta and Lowndes County, but also for other communities in South Georgia and North Florida.

We want to make Valdosta a place where people will want to live, work, and play and the Troupville River Camp would help us to achieve that goal. We wholeheartedly recommend and humbly ask for your consideration of the pre-application for grant assistance for the Troupville River Camp in Lowndes County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John Gayle", is written over the word "Sincerely,". The signature is fluid and cursive, extending across the width of the page.

John Gayle
Mayor

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