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Jim Kinneman, Mayor

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Brian Strong, Director
NC State Parks
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121 W. Jones St.
Raleigh, NC 27601

RE: Town of Summerfield's Application to the Great Trails State Program for Construction of the Piedmont Greenway in Bandera Farms Park

Dear Mr. Strong:

Oak Ridge Town Council is pleased to submit this letter of support for the Town of Summerfield's application to the Great Trails State Program for Construction of the planned segment of the Piedmont Greenway and equestrian trails within Bandera Farms Park.

The grant will support the construction of the 1.2-mile segment of the Piedmont Greenway planned to be within the boundaries of Bandera Farms Park as a natural surface trail, as well as 4.5 miles of equestrian trails. Bandera Farms will be a new park in Summerfield that will also include an adventure playground, restrooms and a picnic shelter in addition to the greenway and equine trails.

The Piedmont Greenway is a planned 19-mile greenway that will connect Greensboro to Winston-Salem through Bandera Farms Park, Triad Park and downtown Kernersville, as well as to other trail networks, including the A&Y Greenway, Greensboro's watershed trails and the Bicentennial Greenway connecting Greensboro to High Point.

We enthusiastically support the Town of Summerfield's efforts to construct this segment of the Piedmont Greenway, contributing to a future interconnected regional trail system as well as equestrian trails.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,

Jim Kinneman
Mayor