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Dear Ms. Davis:

On behalf of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, State Lands Division, we are pleased to provide this letter of support to the Alabama Trails Commission for the FY2017-2018 Recreational Trails Program (RTP) for Shelby County Commission's pre-application for multi-use trails, serving trail runners, mountain bikers and hikers, along with a trailhead facility to welcome the public to the Forever Wild Property along the Cahaba River.

The Shelby County Commission is coordinating recreation trail amenities including river and trail access for the 315-acre County park land and developing canoe and trail access on the 1,212-acre Forever Wild Land. The recent 750-acre Forever Wild Land Trust purchase completed the land acquisition necessary to develop a master plan and now makes this project a viable opportunity for RTP grant funding by providing access to the sites.

It is our hope that you will consider this application for funding.

Sincerely,

Doug Deaton

Doug Deaton
State Lands Manager,
State Lands Division

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