



September 21, 2016

Ms. Liz Sparks
Paddling Trail Coordinator
Office of Greenways & Trails
Division of Recreation & Parks
Department of Environmental Protection
3900 Commonwealth Blvd., MS 795
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000

RE: Letter of Support and Consent for Public Access

Dear Ms. Sparks,

I am contacting you on behalf of Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park to enthusiastically support the efforts of the Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Greenways & Trails application to the Department of the Interior for designating the Suwannee River as a National Water Trail.

The original Suwannee River Wilderness Trail (SRWT) was established in 2003 and has been an exemplary alliance of private and public partners coordinating innovative management practices to protect natural, historic and cultural resources. The SRWT begins at the town of White Springs and flows 171 miles through eight riparian counties to end at the Lower Suwannee National Wildlife Refuge on the Gulf of Mexico. Creation of the Suwannee National Water Trail will extend the river's designation northward to include the headwaters of Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge in southwest Georgia and will increase the distance of the trail for a total of 235 miles. Public partners in the state of Georgia are wholeheartedly supportive of this endeavor.

Abundant natural resources, rich history, and cultural heritage combined with endless recreation opportunities make the Suwannee River an outstanding candidate for this prestigious designation. National Water Trail designation will increase awareness of the river, provide economic benefits to local communities and provide an opportunity to educate the public about the significance of supporting conservation of natural resources.

The Suwannee River has multiple public boat access sites that are encompassed by the scope of the project including a private access at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park, maintained by Cornett's Spirit of the Suwannee. We offer this support and approve of this site being included in the requested designation with the understanding that it will not be restricted nor regulated in any manner by this requested designation.

We strongly support designation of the Suwannee River as a National Water Trail.

Sincerely,



James Cornett

Suwannee Gables Motel & Marina
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Date: 10/12/2016

RE: Letter of Support for Designation of Suwannee River as National Water Trail

Dear Ms. Sparks,

I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the designation of the Suwannee River as a National Water Trail through the efforts of the Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Greenways & Trails and the Department of the Interior.

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The Suwannee Gables Motel is in agreement in being included in on-line or written information as a part of the Suwannee River National Water Trail. We understand that granting this approval does not incur any type of regulatory action or change existing conditions at our facility in any manner.

I encourage your consideration of this worthy cause.

Sincerely,
Paresh A Doshi
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