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SUN Trail support letter from Nonprofits

To the Florida Greenways and Trails Council:

On behalf of the City of Fort Pierce, it is my pleasure to submit this letter in support of the East Coast Greenway Southeast Region selection as a six-county Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail, which was authorized by 2014 Trail Legislation: 335.065(4), FS. The City of Fort Pierce is within this region which encompasses Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties. This letter is in pursuant to our review of the Potential Framework for Funding Selection found in the SUN Trail Overview - 11.4.15 guidance.

The City of Fort Pierce, in support of St. Lucie County, is committed to advancing safe, efficient, affordable and socially equitable transportation in our community and the surrounding regions to promote health, job, recreation and tourism benefits. Through the establishment of Comprehensive Plan goals, objectives, and policies, active collaboration with St. Lucie County, and promotion with recreational investment, the City of Fort Pierce has been, and continues to be active in promoting these endeavors, while furthering the East Coast Greenway initiative. The success of these undertakings is pivotal for economic development and the promotion of quality of life for our residents and visitors alike. The promotion of multi-modal transportation and recreation provide enhancements to lifestyle, and expansion of sustainable amenities and transportation enhancements.

The City of Fort Pierce is committed to these significant efforts to satisfy the criteria for eligibility and honor of regional SUN Trail funding for the East Coast Greenway Southeast Region. We remain dedicated to our working group, comprised of government agencies and other nonprofits, which will continue to collaborate to achieve program-readiness for the entire six-county system by 2020. Thank you very much for this opportunity to express support for, and the desire to promote this endeavor.

Please advise how we can further assist with this nomination.

Sincerely,