



The Albemarle County Board of Supervisors is pleased to provide this letter of support for the pending grant proposal from the Thomas Jefferson Foundation (Foundation) to the Virginia Outdoors Foundation's (VOF) "Preservation Trust Fund – Public Access Grant" program.

The Thomas Jefferson Foundation's grant proposal is a request for a monetary award that would support the Foundation's intended purchase of a riverfront property along the Rivanna. This riverfront parcel (TMP #78-33D) is an approximately 5-acre portion of the larger historic South Lego Farm. Because of its strategic location, it is critically important to the future construction of the County's long-planned Old Mills Trail extension / Rivanna River Greenway.

The Foundation's (draft) grant application articulates and re-affirms their standing commitment to dedicating to Albemarle County a public right-of-way (in the form of a greenway easement) across TMP #78-33D, and also across the adjoining Shadwell parcels to the east (downstream) identified as TMP #78-28B and TMP #79-7A. The Foundation has previously dedicated a greenway easement on the adjoining upstream parcel (Lego Farm / TMP #78-31A).

In these ways, the Foundation's pending grant proposal and associated acquisition of this riverfront property TMP #78-33D - and their subsequent dedications of greenway easements to Albemarle County - would complete the County's greenway acquisition efforts along this portion of the Rivanna River. More specifically, these accomplishments would bring the entirety of the County's waterfront along the Rivanna River under County control (via fee simple ownership and/or greenway easement), from Darden-Towe Park in Pantops to the Milton Boat Landing.

In the spirit of continuing to work with community partners towards the implementation of Albemarle County's Greenways Plan, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors is pleased to submit this letter of support for your consideration of this worthy project that will enhance access to this critical community asset.

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Mr. Ned Gallaway

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Chair, Albemarle County Board of Supervisors