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To Whom It May Concern:

The Enterprise Preservation Society enthusiastically supports the Tiger III grant application of Volusia and Brevard Counties for funding the East Central Florida Regional Rail Trail extension from Osteen to Titusville. The historic community of Enterprise, Florida has a wealth of connections to the Trail project.

The rail line ran through the heart of Old Enterprise a hundred years ago, through Cornelius Taylor's 1840's land grant. In later years, the 40-acre Thornby parcel on that property has been cherished by the community for its historical, cultural, and environmental value. The property is currently the site of Thornby Park and Inspiration Playground, a collaboration between Volusia County, the City of Deltona, and Enterprise Preservation Society (EPS). Thornby Park is a *significant* Trail asset, and just down the road you'll find the Trailhead located at Green Springs Park, the site of one of Florida's earliest tourist destinations, and another collaboration between Volusia County and the community of Enterprise.

In addition, our organization is currently restoring a 1930's schoolhouse building that will become the Enterprise Heritage Center and Town Hall. The restoration of this historic building will provide support for an Ecological, Cultural, Heritage, and Outdoors (ECHO) grant for a nature-based initiative that will tie assets in the community and beyond. Be assured that EPS will promote the Trail and linkages to the other communities through information at the Heritage Center. Once again, there will be a link between little Enterprise and Titusville, bringing together communities that share an economic interest in nature-based economic development.

We respectfully add the Enterprise Preservation Society as a strong supporter of this grant application by Volusia and Brevard Counties. Enterprise has much to gain and much to give with the extension of the Trail through Osteen and on to Titusville.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Sullivan

Chairperson

cc: Volusia County Council; EPS Board of Directors