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1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E.
Washington, DC 20590-9898

**Re: Federal Lands Access Program Application
Trail Access to Appomattox Court House National Historical Park**

Dear Ms. Russell;

On behalf of Appomattox County I submit this letter of support and project participation commitment to the Appomattox Heritage and Recreational Trail – Appomattox Court House National Historical Park Link project.

Creating a shared-use trail that would connect the community hubs of the Appomattox Court House National Historical Park (ACHNHP), the Town of Appomattox and Appomattox County Community Park has been an expressed community priority since 2007. Developing the trail network, collectively known as the Appomattox Heritage and Recreational Trail, that connects these hubs and the other community destinations, including the Museum of the Confederacy, shopping, and government services, has been a source of continued activity in our community.

Appomattox County has led the effort to create the first connection leg of the AHRT. The commitment of our community to bringing this trail network to our community has been evidenced by the County's combined \$ 230,788 match commitment to the \$813,866 secured, thus far, through VDOT Alternatives Transportation Program. County residents and visitors, as a result of the much-appreciated partnership with VDOT, are seen daily enjoying the existing 1.33 miles of trail and eagerly await the next approximate .7 miles of trail that will be designed and constructed through the last round of VDOT grant awards.

Creating a trail linkage to the Appomattox Court House National Historical Park is a fundamental component of the AHRT network. Further, creating this linkage will create a vital community amenity to expand the visitor experience to the ACHNHP by highlighting the significance and

connection the Town played in the events that led to surrender grounds preserved in the National Park.

This application represents a partnership between the County, Town, National Park and VDOT to bring to fruition this long-held community connection vision. I respectfully request your favorable acceptance of the AHRT – ACHNHP trail in this year's Federal Lands Access Program awards.

Sincerely,

Samuel E. Carter, Chairman
Appomattox County Board of Supervisors