

December 2, 2025

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RE: Letter of Support - Auburn University Grant Proposal - Promoting Infiltration Swales as a Green Stormwater Infrastructure Practice in Coastal Alabama

This letter is to communicate the support of the Baldwin County (AL) Commission and Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) for the project grant proposal “Promoting Infiltration Swales as a Green Stormwater Infrastructure Practice in Coastal Alabama” submitted by Dr. Xing Fang from the Department of Civil Engineering at Auburn University for Gulf Coast Environmental Engagement Center (GCEEC) funding.

As we know first-hand, stormwater management in Coastal Alabama is a challenging task because of various factors such as large amounts of yearly rainfall, difficulties in implementing infiltration strategies, costs associated with construction, and operation and maintenance of stormwater drainage facilities, among others.

This project will showcase how infiltration swales can improve stormwater quality and reduce flooding in coastal Alabama. A demonstration infiltration swale will be installed along Pierce Creek Road in Mobile County to show how the roadside swale helps filter / infiltrate stormwater and manage runoff. Training workshops, public / community engagement activities, and research on swale performance will help / engage residents and local stormwater management leaders to learn about their design, installation, and environmental benefits. The goal is to inspire more use of infiltration swales across Alabama’s coastal areas to improve stormwater quality and strengthen community resilience.

Please contact Ashley Campbell at ashley.campbell@baldwincountyal.gov or by phone at 251-423-3632 for further information or assistance.

Sincerely,

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Baldwin County Commission

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