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Anu,

Thanks for the time that you gave us, it was very nice to meet with you this morning.

The Gulf Coast RC&D Council serves Mobile, Baldwin and Escambia counties and the Poarch Band of Creek Indians to provide grant opportunities that focus on Community Development, Environmental/Conservation Education and Natural Resources Conservation. We work with nonprofits organizations, schools, county commissions and municipalities within our council area. We have seven Council sponsors, the Mobile, Baldwin and Escambia County Commissions, Soils and Water Conservation Districts and the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

We are currently supporting a project with the Vaughn Community for a community garden project that will provide fresh vegetables to local residents and to encourage local communities to work together for the benefit of their community. We are on board to help the Vaughn Community Garden Project, but the community is limited and has a need for a secure permanent location to grow the community garden.

We currently have an opportunity through the At-Ease Veterans program which is sponsored by the Alabama Association of RC&D Councils and AMRV RC&D Council to provide a grant to a veteran farmer or farmers that would allow them to apply agricultural activities on their farm. The farm would be open to veterans to participate in therapy farming. The Vaughn Community Garden Association has four veterans in their group which would qualify this project for funding. The Association has a need for a well that would be used to irrigate their vegetable crops which would be an agricultural practice that could be funded through this program. However, we have a short timeline and must be completed by August 1st. See more At Ease Program information here ateasefarming.org. See attached At Ease Veterans Program Agreement.

Thanks again for your time this morning and the Baldwin County Commissions support of the Vaughn Community and their request to secure a permanent location for their community garden.

If additional information is needed, please contact me at 251-714-6187 or Emily Fayard at 251-368-1606.

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