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October 31, 2022

**VIA EMAIL:**

Mr. Anu Gary

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**Re.: Proposed Funding Agreement with the Forever Wild Land Trust (FWLT)**

Dear Baldwin County Administrator/Clerk:

On behalf of the Forever Wild Land Trust and as the Chairman of its Board of Trustees, I am pleased to inform you that the FWLT, at its discretion, has formally voted to extend a funding opportunity to each County Commission where FWLT owns land.

Please find attached hereto the proposed agreement reflecting FWLT's payment of a reasonable fee to applicable counties on an annual basis. Payments will begin with Fiscal Year 2023 (October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023) upon your submission of the necessary documentation - with the caveat that funding is subject to the continued legal availability of funds. We are also including for your convenience a proposed Resolution authorizing the Agreement for your County Commission's consideration and formal approval as soon as practicable.

Finally, please see below the instructions from the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources State Lands Division in order to facilitate and streamline the payment process:

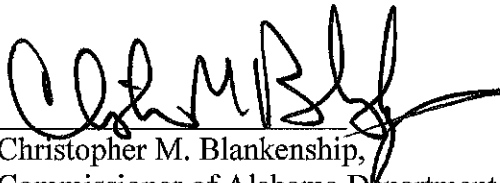
1. Each County Commission must register as a vendor in the State of Alabama Accounting and Resource System (STAARS). If your County Commission is not a registered vendor in STAARS, please promptly register through the following link: <https://vendors.alabama.gov>. The STAARS helpdesk number is 334-353-9000 and email is [Staars.support@finance.alabama.gov](mailto:Staars.support@finance.alabama.gov).
2. Each County Commission must generate and submit an invoice, dated in the same fiscal year as the requested transfer of funds. The invoice must be on your official letterhead, be dated, and exhibit a County generated identification/control number. For your convenience, a sample invoice for placement on your letterhead is attached to the Agreement as Exhibit B.
3. A W-9 Form.

4. For its first payment (Fiscal Year 2023), the County Commission must submit the documentation to ADCNR by December 30, 2022. For the subsequent fiscal years, the County Commission must submit the documentation to ADCNR between October 1 and October 31.
5. All documentation must be mailed or delivered by overnight courier to the attention of:  
Patricia P. McCurdy, State Lands Director  
Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources  
64 North Union Street, Room 464  
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

According to the ADCNR State Lands Division, FWLT owns 48774.7 acres in your county, which represents a payment of \$78,039.52 for fiscal year 2023.

Thank you for your valued role in conserving Alabama's natural lands and waters for the benefit of our future generations. We look forward to strengthening our partnership with your County Commission through this Agreement and appreciate your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions regarding these documents, please contact Charlanna Skaggs, General Counsel, or Juliana Dean, Deputy General Counsel, at 334-242-3165.

Sincerely,



Christopher M. Blankenship,  
Commissioner of Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and  
Chairman of the Board Forever Wild Land Trust