

May 16, 2023

Dr. Stephanie Rogers
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RE: Letter of Support for Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium Proposal

Dear Dr. Rogers:

I am writing on behalf of the Baldwin County Commission to express our support for your proposal to the Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium entitled "Inequities in pollution exposure: examining the relationship between onsite wastewater system prevalence and water contamination." This critical and exciting work will be beneficial for Baldwin County Planning and Zoning Department in its efforts to understand the relationship between septic tanks and water pollution and determine avenues to help mitigate the potential impacts in the future.

The County's Natural Resource Planner and Environmental Advisory Committee will work with you to reach your project's objectives, specifically in the creation of an onsite wastewater system inventory for Baldwin County, Alabama, and act as a member of your Advisory Committee. Additionally, they will work with you and your team to share the results of this project with stakeholders and community members in Baldwin County, Alabama with the goal of protecting water resources and the environment at large, offer feedback on model development to best suit stakeholder needs and provide general technical guidance over the two-year span of the project. County staff has previously worked with Auburn University on similar projects involving nature-based solutions and other stormwater related issues. Baldwin County is excited about the potential of this project and looks forward to working with you again.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Ashley Campbell, Natural Resource Planner, at (251) 423-3632.

Sincerely,

CHARLES F. GRUBER, Chairman
Baldwin County Commission

CG/jb Item

cc: Matthew Brown
Ashley Campbell