



Baldwin County Commission

Legislation Text

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Item Status: New

From: Matthew Brown, Interim Planning Director

Submitted by: Ashley Campbell, Natural Resource Planner

ITEM TITLE

Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Letter in Support of Acquisition of Land along the Bon Secour River - National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Action item with discussion necessary - Discuss the request from the Alabama Department of Conservation & Natural Resources (ADCNR) for a letter of support for their Forever Wild Land Trust AL-National Coastal Wetland (NCW) Bon Secour River Wetlands Conservation Grant Application which would be used to purchase eighty-one (81) acres adjacent to the Swift-Coles Historic Home, owned and operated by the Baldwin County Historic Development Commission.

Take the following actions:

- 1) Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute a letter of support to The National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grants Program Review Committee for the property purchase and installation of a walking trail on eighty-one (81) acres adjacent to the Swift-Coles Historic Home, which is owned and operated by the Baldwin County Historic Development Commission; and
- 2) If the grant is awarded for the property purchase and installation of the walking trail, authorize the donation of 25 tons of gravel, with an approximate cost of \$1,000.00, to be used for a gravel parking area along Bon Secour Highway.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Previous Commission action/date: N/A

Background: The Planning and Zoning Department received a request from ADCNR for the Baldwin County Commission to execute a letter of support for their Forever Wild Land Trust's AL-NCW Bon Secour River Wetlands National Coastal Wetland Conservation Grant Application to purchase and install a walking trail on eighty-one (81) acres adjacent to the Baldwin County Historic Commission's Swift Coles Home. The ADCNR stated that their grant application would benefit from Commission support in the form of litter patrol along Bon Secour Highway and financial assistance with the gravel parking area along the highway. The Planning and Zoning Department verified with

Solid Waste that the County already performs litter patrol through a third-party contract for Bon Secour Highway. There would be no additional cost for this support. The donation of 25 tons of gravel would cost approximately \$1,000.00. The donation will only be required if the grant is awarded for the purchase and trail installation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Total cost of recommendation: \$1,000.00

Budget line item(s) to be used: If approved -10051990.52905

If this is not a budgeted expenditure, does the recommendation create a need for funding?
TBD

LEGAL IMPACT

Is legal review necessary for this staff recommendation and related documents?
N/A

Reviewed/approved by: N/A

Additional comments: N/A

ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS

Is advertising required for this recommendation? N/A

If the proof of publication affidavit is not attached, list the reason: N/A

FOLLOW UP IMPLEMENTATION

For time-sensitive follow up, select deadline date for follow up: Letter of Support needed by June 20, 2021

Individual(s) responsible for follow up: N/A

Action required (list contact persons/addresses if documents are to be mailed or emailed):
Mail original letter of support to:

The National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grants Program Review Committee
ATTN: Mr. James Duffy
USFWS-WSFR
1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 240
Atlanta, Georgia 30345-3319

cc: Matthew Brown, Wayne Dyess, Ashley Campbell

Additional instructions/notes: N/A

