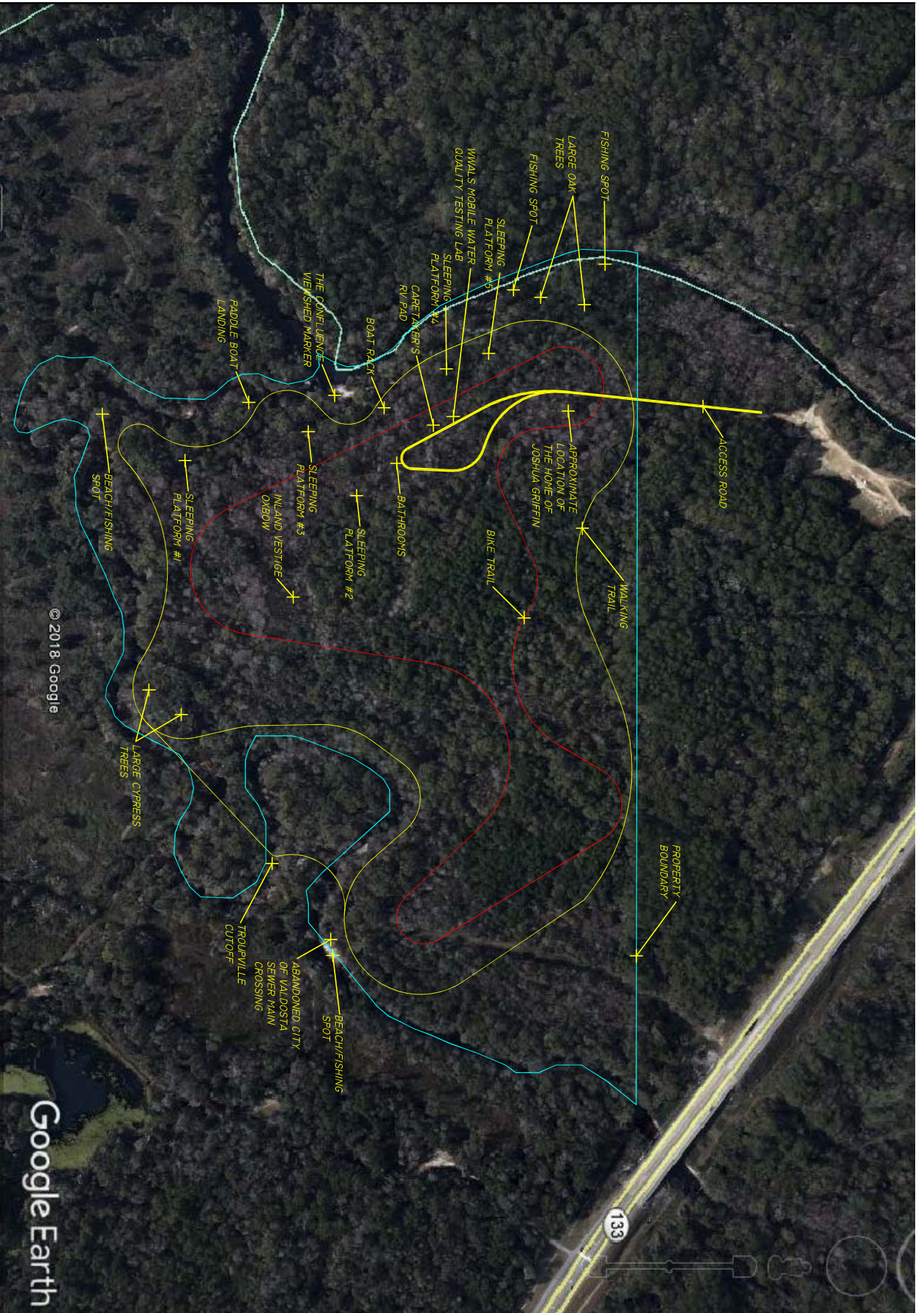


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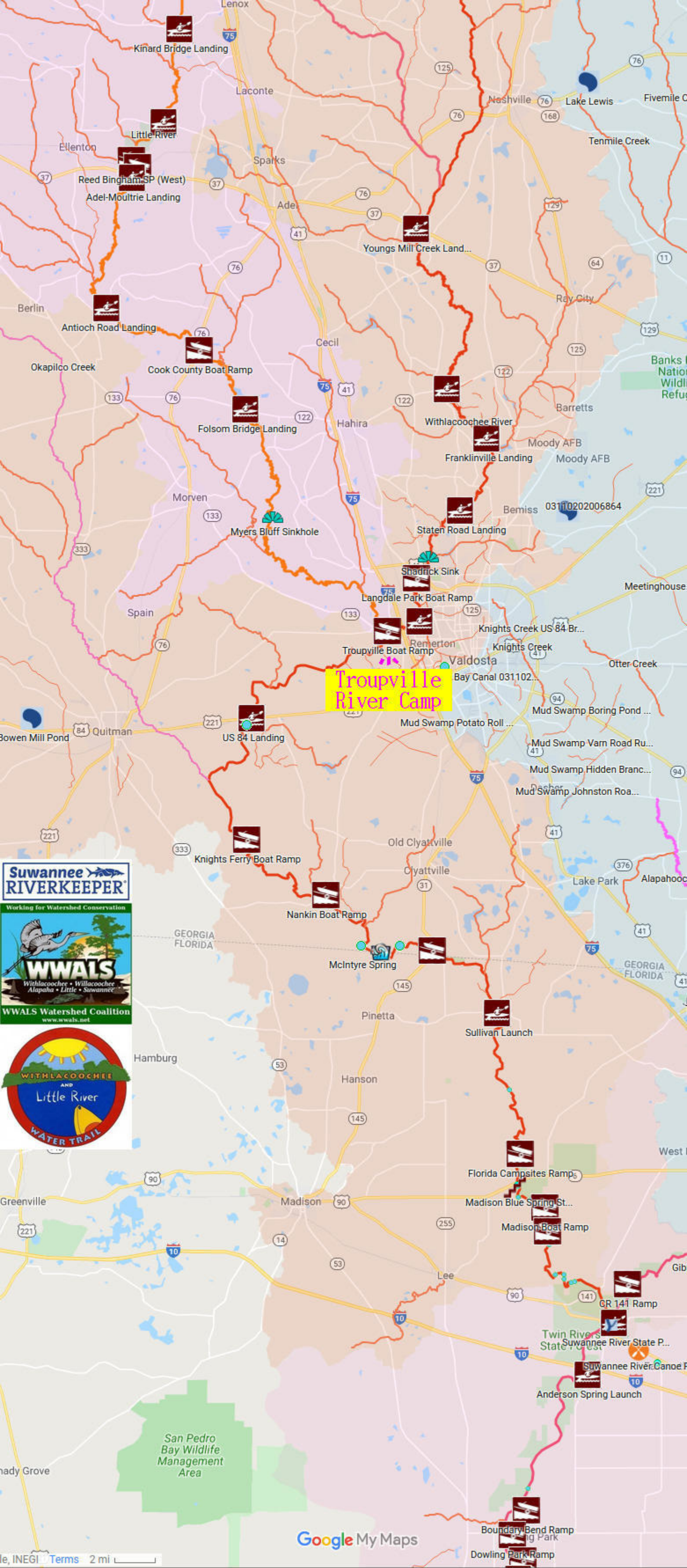
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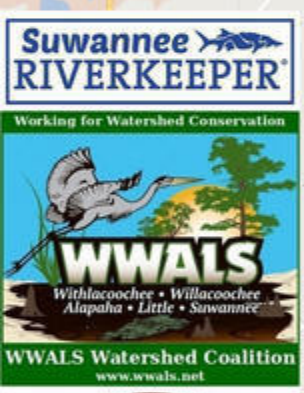
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Troupville River Camp





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### Project Narrative:

**Please provide a description of the proposed project and the need for assistance. The narrative should be clear and concise.**

A Troupville River Camp will attract paddling and fishing enthusiasts of all ages. The property is located at the Confluence of the Little River with the Withlacoochee River, off of I-75 and GA 133 just west of Valdosta, the biggest city in the Suwannee River Basin. Proposed amenities include air-conditioned bathrooms, hot and cold running water, five screened sleeping platforms, picnic tables and benches, outdoor fire pits, and paddle boat racks for canoes, kayaks, and paddle boards, with river access near the Confluence.

The location is historic, where Troupville was the former Lowndes County seat before Valdosta, from 1833 to 1860. The property has been privately owned since then and is now available for purchase for this purpose.

The Land Between the Rivers has white sand beaches, palmetto thickets, cypress stands, and towering oak and longleaf pine trees. Situated between two blackwater rivers that also have histories of transportation and recreation, the site offers a genuinely "wild" experience within a mile of an interstate highway. The property is large enough to hold both a secluded paddle-in-only River Camp and hiking and biking trails, and even a frisbee golf course. It is an ideal outdoor classroom for classes on art, history, and the natural environment.

The bathrooms will provide environmental benefit, preventing much unfortunate use of the woods, and keeping the rivers cleaner. The property will serve as a center for water quality testing, which could help resolve the stigma of Valdosta's chronic wastewater spills, which have affected the Little, Withlacoochee, and Suwannee Rivers all the way to the Gulf.

The private owner of these 74.14 acres of floodplain and 1.3 miles of river frontage is actively promoting selling it for this project, including on TV and in presentations to local elected and appointed boards. The property is next to the existing 49.36 acre park immediately to the north at Troupville Boat Ramp, operated by Valdosta-Lowndes County Parks & Recreation Authority (VLPRA), for 120+ acres of park destination for locals and traveling outdoors enthusiasts.

Most maintenance will be by a caretaker in exchange for RV parking space. Thus a relatively small initial capital investment will enable long-term eco-tourism with economic and environmental advantages, at little operational cost.

Our model is the five existing River Camps on the Suwannee River in Florida that have long been popular as part of the Suwannee River Wilderness Trail (SRWT). This Troupville River Camp will facilitate paddle trips on our Withlacoochee and Little River Water Trail (WLRWT), starting upstream from this Confluence, on either the Little or Withlacoochee Rivers, continuing down the Withlacoochee to Florida and the Suwannee River, connecting with the SRWT River Camps.

This Troupville River Camp will be a significant public relations boon, not just to Lowndes County or Valdosta, but to the entire region and the states of Georgia and Florida. We have support from the City of Valdosta and several surrounding counties in Georgia and Florida, plus cooperation from personnel at several agencies of both states.

See also: <http://wwals.net/?p=49834>

*Lowndes County  
Board of Commissioners*

*Bill Slaughter, Chairman*



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To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the Lowndes County Board of Commissioners, thank you for the opportunity to express Lowndes County's support for the "Troupville River Camp" project.

Quality of life amenities are an integral component of economic development initiatives. The ability to provide a river park for citizens that could also serve as a destination for others is an amazing opportunity for our community. Further, programs proposed that will continue to protect one of South Georgia/North Florida's most valuable natural resources should not be overlooked in the consideration of this application.

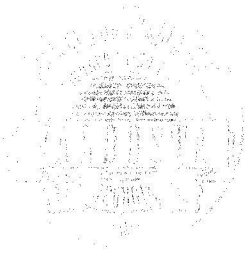
Lowndes County appreciates and admires the initiative demonstrated by WWALS Watershed Coalition. Those associated with the organization are both knowledgeable with regards to preservation and passionate about their mission.

Thank you again for the opportunity to express Lowndes County's support of their efforts.

Sincerely,

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Bill Slaughter, Chairman



# CITY of VALDOSTA, GEORGIA

**John Gayle**  
*Mayor*

December 19, 2019

Georgia Department of Natural Resources  
Board of Trustees and Staff of the  
Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program  
c/o Ms. Taylor Brown  
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SE  
Suite 1370, East Tower  
Atlanta, GA 30334

**SUBJECT: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR CONSERVE GEORGIA GRANT PRE-APPLICATION FOR LAND ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT OF TROUPVILLE RIVER CAMP IN LOWNDES COUNTY**

Dear Ms. Brown and Board of Trustees:

On behalf of the Valdosta City Council, it is with great pleasure that we supply this letter of support for the WWALS Watershed Coalition's pre-application for grant assistance for the Troupville River Camp in Lowndes County.

The Troupville River Camp would be a great asset to our community. The proposed property is in an excellent location near the Confluence of the Little River with the Withlacoochee River and not far from I-75 and GA Highway 133. The initial investment for this project would be small and the long-term eco-tourism it would create would be far reaching. Not only would the Troupville River Camp be a boon to Valdosta and Lowndes County, but also for other communities in South Georgia and North Florida.

We want to make Valdosta a place where people will want to live, work, and play and the Troupville River Camp would help us to achieve that goal. We wholeheartedly recommend and humbly ask for your consideration of the pre-application for grant assistance for the Troupville River Camp in Lowndes County.

Sincerely,



John Gayle  
Mayor

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VALDOSTA-LOWNDES COUNTY  
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c/o Taylor Brown  
Board of Trustees & Staff of Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program  
Georgia Department of Natural Resources  
Ste. 1370 East Tower  
1 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. SE  
Atlanta GA 30334

Dear Ms. Brown and Trustees,

Please accept this letter as an endorsement of the WWALS Watershed Coalition's pre-application for grant assistance regarding the Troupville River Camp project.

The VLCCCTA believes that improvements in the destination's tourism-related offerings will build the travel and tourism industry's economic impact. The Troupville River Camp would not only enhance the destination's appeal to the outdoors market but it would also garner more attention for Valdosta, Lowndes County and South Georgia that could lead to even greater development in the future.

The increase in travel and tourism business would have a positive impact on the economy here and, likewise, the quality of life.

Thank you for your consideration and please don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions or need additional information of any kind.

Sincerely,



Chris Hamilton  
President & CEO  
Valdosta-Lowndes Co. Conference Center & Tourism Authority  
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**VALDOSTA-LOWNDES  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

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October 30, 2019

Georgia Department of Natural Resources  
Board of Trustees and Staff of the  
Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program  
c/o Taylor Brown  
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SE  
Suite 1370 East Tower  
Atlanta, GA 30334

RE: Letter of Support for Conserve Georgia Grant Pre-Application for Land Acquisition and  
Development of Troupville River Camp, Lowndes County

Dear Ms. Brown and Trustees:

Please accept this letter as an indication of my wholehearted support for the WWALS  
Watershed Coalition's pre-application for grant assistance regarding the Troupville River  
Camp project.

One of our Chamber's top priorities for the past 20 years is building the type of community  
where young professionals and amenity-seeking retirees want to live. An essential ingredient  
in creating a 'cool community' which would attract such newcomers is being able to offer a  
variety of both active and passive recreation venues. I am quite familiar with the property  
being considered for this project, and believe it is ideal for this intended use.

Thank you for your consideration of this pre-application, and let me know if additional  
supporting documentation of support would be helpful.

Sincerely,

Myrna H. Ballard  
President/CEO



# Board of County Commissioners Madison County, Florida

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November 26, 2019

Georgia Department of Natural Resources  
Board of Trustees and Staff of the  
Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program  
c/o Taylor Brown  
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SE  
Suite 1370 East Tower  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Subject: Letter of Support for the Development of the Troupville River Camp

Dear Ms. Brown and Trustees:

The Madison County Florida Board of County Commissioners is excited to provide this letter of support for the development of the Troupville River Camp. The Board met during a special called meeting on November 26, 2019, to discuss this issue, and it was unanimously approved because this project will increase tourism and the recreational opportunities for locals in our area.

Although we live in Florida, Madison County views the Withlacoochee River as a shared resource with Valdosta, Lowndes County, and the State of Georgia, because the river crosses all political boundaries. In addition, we are very familiar with the River Camps that were built several years ago on the Suwannee River and know that these camps have worked extremely well to facilitate increased tourism. Therefore, the Madison County Board of County Commissioners is excited to provide this letter of support for the development of the Troupville River Camp.

Sincerely,

Chair Alston Kelley, District 1  
Madison County Board of County Commissioners



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Office of  
**Board of County Commissioners**

December 10, 2019

Georgia Department of Natural Resources  
Board of Trustees and Staff of the  
Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program  
c/o Taylor Brown  
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr., SE  
Suite 1370 East Tower  
Atlanta, Ga. 30334

RE: Letter of Support for Conserve Georgia Grant Pre-Application and  
Development of Troupeville River Camp, Lowndes County

Ms. Brown and Trustees,

This letter is being written to convey support for the WWALS Watershed Coalition's pre-application for grant assistance regarding the Troupeville River Camp Project.

Hamilton County Fl. is just south of the state border from the project and realizes what a synergy would be created by this project as it will capitalize on the same efforts of development of eco-tourism efforts here.

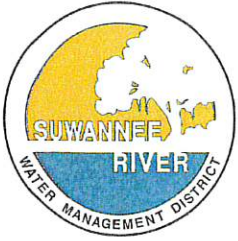
Thank you in advance for your consideration of this pre-application.

Regards,

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Louie Goodin  
County Coordinator  
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Jasper, Florida  
(386)792-6639  
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Cc: John Quarterman, WWALS Watershed



# SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

December 4, 2019

VIRGINIA H. JOHNS  
Chair  
Atachua, Florida

HUGH THOMAS  
Executive Director

Georgia Department of Natural Resources  
Board of Trustees and Staff of the  
Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program  
c/o Taylor Brown  
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SE  
Suite 1370 East Tower  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Subject: Letter of Support for the Development of the Troupville River Camp

Dear Ms. Brown and Trustees:

The Suwannee River Water Management District (District) is excited to provide this letter of support for the development of the Troupville River Camp. This project will increase tourism and recreational opportunities for local communities in our area.

Although we live in Florida, the District views the Withlacoochee River as a shared resource with Valdosta, Lowndes County, and the State of Georgia, because the river crosses all political boundaries.

The District partnered with the Department of Environmental Protection and the Florida Division of State Parks to implement the Suwannee River Wilderness Trail from White Springs to the Town of Suwannee. The District built five river camps along the Suwannee River from White Springs to Branford. The river camps consist of five sleeping platforms, picnic pavilion, restrooms with showers, tent camping area, and a campground host site.

The river camps focused on camping opportunities to protect the environmental impact of the riverbank; providing additional recreation opportunities and created additional economic benefits to the rural communities.

The District would be most happy to share our river camp experiences, research, and designs with you.

Sincerely,

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Hugh Thomas  
Executive Director





Donald M. Thieme, PhD  
Associate Professor  
Department of Physics, Astronomy,  
Geosciences, and Engineering Technology  
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Thursday, December 5, 2019

To Whom It May Concern,

I am very pleased and excited about the proposal by WWALS to develop the Troupville River Camp. The property in question is at the juncture of the Little River and the Withlacoochee River, two large tributaries to the Suwannee River watershed. As we discussed with John Quarterman in a recent field visit to the property, there are many questions in my own research and that of Dr. Can Denizman which can be pursued through fieldwork and continuous data collection from areas on the property.

The two rivers which meet at the proposed Troupville River Camp are very different in both channel sinuosity and sediment being delivered to their floodplains. Upstream along the Withlacoochee River, the surface flow sometimes connects with both shallow groundwater and the Upper Floridan Aquifer through karst conduits in both siliceous and carbonate sedimentary rocks. We have been investigating these connections in recent research using geophysical methods which include both electrical resistivity tomography (ERT) and ground-penetrating radar (GPR).

I am planning to work at the proposed Troupville River Camp property this spring with students in my course on Environmental Soil Science (GEOL 3710). I plan to train my students in soil description while sampling these floodplain soils and then complete some basic laboratory analyses which should be useful in planning future use of the landscape.

Along with Dr. Denizman and other colleagues in the Department of Physics, Astronomy, Geosciences, and Engineering Technology, I will be collaborating with WWALS on the development of the Troupville River Camp project. We discussed how to harvest LiDAR data on surface topography with the surveyors and engineers working for WWALS. We will help WWALS use this data to identify areas of possible prehistoric and historic cultural activity and select areas where subsurface coring or trenching may yield useful information about environmental change in the Upper Suwannee River watershed.

Sincerely,

Donald M. Thieme, Associate Professor

Physics, Astronomy, Geosciences, and Engineering Technology



December 13, 2019

Ms. Taylor Brown  
Georgia Department of Natural Resources  
Board of Trustees and Staff of the  
Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program  
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SE  
Suite 1370 East Tower  
Atlanta, GA 30334

**RE: Letter of Support for Conserve Georgia Grant Application for Land  
Acquisition and Development of Troupeville River Camp, Lowndes County**

Dear Ms. Brown and Trustees:

Please accept this letter as my indication of support for the WWALS Watershed Coalition's Application for grant assistance regarding the Troupeville River Camp project.

As a property owner of separate properties in Valdosta, Lowndes County, and on the banks of the Suwannee River in Florida, I fully support the mission of the WWALS Watershed Coalition and the work they are doing for the rivers. The impact their work will have to help monitor and keep clean these watersheds will have great impact for generations to come. The funding provided by this grant will only serve to add to their ability to do this work and to help citizens learn about and experience these rivers that are the natural assets of the State of Georgia.

As a Principal of McCall Architecture, I am glad to offer my firm's in-kind architectural services to the project to assist in any planning or architectural design needed.

Thank you for your consideration of this Application. Please let me know if any additional support or documentation would be helpful.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. M. McCall', written in a cursive style.

John M. "Mac" McCall

JMM/jp

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To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Mark Gaither, the current president of the Valdosta Disc Golf Association (VDGA), and on behalf of the club, I would like to offer our support on the construction of the Troupville River Camp. Valdosta currently has the 5<sup>th</sup> highest ranked disc golf course in the state according to the Disc Golf Scene ([www.discgolfscene.com](http://www.discgolfscene.com)). VDGA has about 60 members and many other locals that frequent Freedom Park, the place of our current, single course. Likewise, we have out of town visitors come to annual events at our course and even some that come to the area just to play at Freedom Park. The VDGA club members have become a family and rally together to support one another and take great pride in our facility. We would take the same kind of pride in the new establishment at the River Camp. Having two superb courses in our area would attract even more out of town visitors to enjoy quality disc golf.

VDGA's members have documented over 300 hours of volunteer labor at our current disc golf course since August of 2018. It would be safe to say we have worked many more undocumented hours. Nearly every time I go to the park, I try to make it a little nicer than it was when I got there. Our club members would be an important partner in helping to keep the River Camp park and grounds clean. Our members would gladly offer services in the design of the new course at no charge. The addition of a recreational disc golf would make the River Camp an even more attractive place for people to visit. I look forward to seeing how the VDGA can help in the construction and maintenance of the new Troupville River Camp.

Sincerely,

Mark Gaither  
Valdosta Disc Golf Association President

# Helen Preston Tapp

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HPTapp@gmail.com ☞ 404-909-1089

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18 October 2019

Georgia Department of Natural Resources  
Board of Trustees and Staff of the  
Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program  
c/o Taylor Brown  
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SE  
Suite 1370 East Tower  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

**Subject: Letter of Support for Conserve Georgia Grant Pre-Application  
for Land Acquisition and Development of Troupville River Camp, Lowndes County**

Dear Ms. Brown and Trustees:

I am the sixth-generation owner of the 74 acres at the confluence of the Little and Withlacoochee rivers, a tract adjacent to land held by the Valdosta Lowndes Parks and Recreation Authority that includes the Troupville boat ramp. I have long loved the black water, white sand, cypress stands, palmetto thickets and wildlife in this area, and hope that it can become a public park. Unfortunately, I cannot afford to donate the land, but am willing to sell it at fair market value to a conservation buyer for public use. I fully support the proposed acquisition of this land, its permanent conservation, use for water quality and stormwater control, and improvement with low-impact river campsites and other amenities appropriate for public recreation, environmental education and historical interpretation.

This land is important to me at several levels. First, as a steward of family lands, it is important to me that at least a remnant of what was "Wildwood Plantation" remain in a natural state. Second, as a professional regional land planner with experience around the southeast for more than three decades I recognize land that has a unique combination of significant attributes worthy of public attention. Third, as director of the Trust for Public Land's Georgia, Tennessee and Alabama offices for almost five years I understand the importance (and challenges) of preserving land for people and nature. Fourth, as a former member of the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees for the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation, I am keenly aware of how historic sites once lost are rarely recoverable. Finally, as an advocate for state support for land conservation I would be thrilled to see this project receive funding in the inaugural round of Conserve Georgia funding.

The many reasons this proposal merits serious consideration for state support include:

- **One-of-a-kind site**, ecologically, recreationally, historically significant with established vehicular access, close to Valdosta and the region's residents as well as visitors travelling on I-75
- **Ecological value** of maintaining natural areas for water quality, native plant and animal habitat, and stormwater management along two rivers that form one of the Suwannee River's headwaters.
- Opportunity for a signature **Withlacoochee and Little River Water Trail** with amenities that attract paddlers from throughout the watershed and beyond. (In June 2019 almost 300 canoeists and kayakers put in at the Troupville boat ramp and enthusiastically saluted the property on their way to the Suwannee River during the annual Paddle Georgia water trail trip.)
- Chance to **leverage** existing local and state investments in outdoor recreation. Adjacent to VLPRA's Troupville boat ramp funded by DNR, this site will consolidate public land offering more activities for residents as well as a significant tourism attraction. The resulting 120+ acre destination park will provide both passive and active recreation opportunities.



- Example of **collaboration and cooperation** between public and non-governmental organizations such as the City of Valdosta, Lowndes County, the Valdosta-Lowndes Parks & Recreation Authority and WWALS Watershed Coalition, Suwannee Riverkeeper, Lowndes County Historical Society, Keep Lowndes Beautiful, Valdosta State University, and others.
- **Educational value** of historic site and “outdoor classrooms” for all age levels and all disciplines, from science to environment, art, history and culture.
- **Aesthetic value** of increasingly rare publicly accessible natural rivers and woods.
- **Health benefits** of more choices for physical activity.
- **Community pride** for preserving historic and natural heritage.
- **Economic impact** of eco-tourism, with local businesses capitalizing on of fishing, paddling, camping activities, and the increasing number of outdoor enthusiasts seeking new adventures.

This land between the rivers has always been a gathering place. Native Americans were first, a fact reflected in the Withlacoochee’s name. One hundred eighty-five years ago European settlers chose the confluence of the Little and Withlacoochee rivers to establish a community they called Troupville. But the town was relocated to Valdosta when the rail line bypassed Troupville, and most of the land has been in quiet private ownership since. Today the pressures of urbanization put its future at risk. I hope that its future will be one of public stewardship and enjoyment.

Grant applicants have a vision for a unique way to celebrate nature, history and outdoor fun. 74 acres of greenspace can be available for public Fishing, Water Trail Paddling, Camping, Hiking, Birding, Nature Journaling, Art, Historical Site Interpretation, Heritage Education, Ecological Studies, Watershed Protection, and more. I hope you will support that vision. For the first time in a century this land is available. Once sold for private use or subdivided, the opportunities for public use will be lost forever. Future generations deserve to know the beauty of this place.

I will be happy to host a tour of the property for anyone reviewing this application. In the meantime, and as a preview, I encourage you to look at [www.landbetweentherivers.com](http://www.landbetweentherivers.com).

Sincerely,



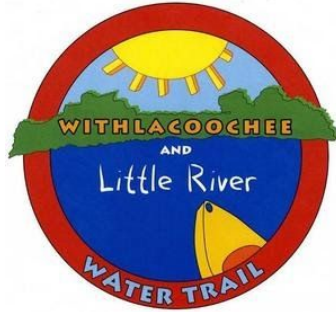
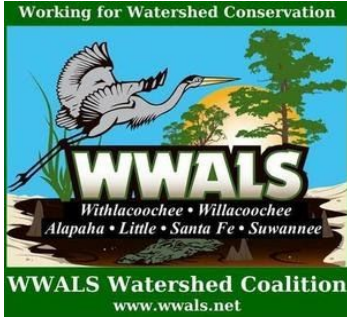
Helen Preston Tapp, AICP  
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Cc: City of Valdosta  
Lowndes County  
Valdosta-Lowndes Parks & Recreation Authority  
Lowndes County Historical Society  
South Georgia Regional Commission

Suwannee Riverkeeper  
WWALS Watershed Coalition  
Keep Lowndes Beautiful  
Valdosta State University  
The Conservation Fund

# Project Title: Troupville River Camp

Project Sponsor: *WWALS Watershed Coalition, Inc.*



Withlacoochee and Little River Water Trail



River Camp Campsites



Trails



Interpretative Stations

Forge Partnerships

Secure Funding

Acquire Land

Site & Facility Planning

Permitting & Contracting

Construction

Ribbon Cutting

## Complete by

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2018-2019	<b>Partners identified;</b> WWALS & KLVB sponsor community clean-ups with Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and others; landowner hosts site visits; VLPRA & local governments briefed; 300 Paddle Georgia paddlers visited in canoes, kayaks, and paddle boards, greeted by the Lowndes County Chairman, a representative of the Valdosta Mayor, the head of the Historical Museum, and a Planning Commissioner; local publicity on radio, TV, and newspapers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Summer - Fall 2019	Project elements refined; ASA Engineering is preparing Conceptual Plan pro bono; Florida examples studied; potential roles & responsibilities explored; <b>Funding Proposal</b> prepared
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fall 2019 - Summer 2020	<b>Secure Funding</b> from Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program, with match from City of Valdosta, Lowndes County, or possibly other sources, plus in-kind water quality monitoring, pro bono services, etc.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fall 2020	<b>Acquire Land</b> from willing landowner
<input type="checkbox"/>	Summer - Fall 2020	Prepare <b>Site &amp; Facility Plans</b> in conjunction with Advisory Committee, local & regional agencies
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fall 2020 - Winter 2021	<b>Final Plans</b> approved by VLPRA and WWALS boards
<input type="checkbox"/>	Winter 2021	<b>Secure Permits</b> from appropriate agencies
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spring 2021	Bid proposals solicited & evaluated; <b>Contractor</b> selected
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spring 2021 - Winter 2022	<b>Construction</b> managed by VLPRA or other agency
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022	<b>Ribbon Cutting</b> & River Camp "launch" early Spring 2022

**GEORGIA OUTDOOR STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
COST ESTIMATE / PROJECT BUDGET FORM**

Project#: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Submitted: October 31, 2019  
 Applicant: WWALS Watershed Coalition, Inc. Total Project Cost: \$674,000  
 Project Name: Troupville River Camp Total Funding Requested: \$504,000  
 Total Match Commitment: \$170,000

ITEM DESCRIPTION	GRANT FUNDS	MATCHING IN-KIND (\$)	MATCHING CASH (\$)	TOTAL
<b>Design, Engineering &amp; Environmental</b>	<b>60,000.00</b>			<b>60,000.00</b>
Architectural Design	50,000.00	1,200.00	1,000.00	52,200.00
Contingency	55,000.00		5,000.00	60,000.00
Historical interpretation		2,000.00		2,000.00
Ecological & Geological interpretation		4,000.00		4,000.00
			<b>Category Total</b>	<b>178,200.00</b>
<b>Direct Labor Costs</b>				<b>0.00</b>
Trail improvements	25,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	27,000.00
River landing improvement	5,000.00	1,000.00		6,000.00
Campsite construction	120,000.00	2,000.00	5,000.00	127,000.00
				0.00
				0.00
			<b>Category Total</b>	<b>160,000.00</b>
<b>Contractual Services</b>				<b>0.00</b>
Electrical connection	6,000.00			6,000.00
Water and sewage	6,000.00			6,000.00
River scouting & deadfall clearing		2,000.00		2,000.00
Water quality testing		1,800.00		1,800.00
Geological examination		2,000.00		2,000.00
				0.00
			<b>Category Total</b>	<b>17,800.00</b>
<b>Materials or Supplies</b>				<b>0.00</b>
Trail construction materials	12,000.00		4,000.00	16,000.00
River landing construction materials	6,000.00		1,000.00	7,000.00
Campsite construction materials	150,000.00		10,000.00	160,000.00
Interpretative signs	2,000.00	3,000.00		5,000.00
				0.00
				0.00
			<b>Category Total</b>	<b>188,000.00</b>
<b>Purchase or Rental of Equipment</b>				<b>0.00</b>
<del>Emergency and tour boat and motor</del>	0.00			0.00
Dock for emergency and tour boat	2,000.00			2,000.00
Water quality test kits (10)	5,000.00			5,000.00
				0.00
				0.00
			<b>Category Total</b>	<b>7,000.00</b>
<b>Other (Must be Specific)</b>				<b>0.00</b>
Land Purchase			123,000.00	123,000.00
				0.00
				0.00
				0.00
				0.00
				0.00
				0.00
				0.00
			<b>Category Total</b>	<b>123,000.00</b>
			<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>674,000.00</b>
<b>Grant:</b>	<b>504,000.00</b>	<b>Match:</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>	<b>150,000.00</b>
				<b>170,000.00</b>

\*\*\*Volunteers who donate job specific professional skills and/or equipment operation (grading contractors, plumbers, electricians, etc.) can value their time and/or equipment at their standard rates but may not exceed the rates outlined at <https://www.wdol.gov>. General labor rates (no professional skills required) must not exceed \$11.40 per hour.