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Ms. Liz Sparks
Paddling Trail Coordinator
Office of Greenways & Trails
Division of Recreation & Parks
Department of Environmental Protection
3900 Commonwealth Blvd., MS 795
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000

RE: Letter of Support for Designation of Suwannee River as National Water Trail

Dear Ms. Sparks,

I am contacting you as Director of Programs & Outreach on behalf of Georgia River Network to enthusiastically support the efforts of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Greenways & Trails application to the Department of the Interior for designating the Suwannee River as a National Water Trail.

Abundant natural resources, rich history, and cultural heritage combined with endless recreation opportunities make the iconic Suwannee River an outstanding candidate for this prestigious designation. National Water Trail designation will increase awareness of the river, provide economic benefits to local communities and provide an opportunity to educate the public about the significance of supporting conservation of natural resources.

The Georgia River Network is committed to working across the state line to partner with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Greenways & Trails and fully supports the application to designate the Suwannee River as a National Water Trail. This scenic river is an amazing asset to the southeast and the nation and we highly recommend it be recognized as a National Water Trail.

Sincerely,

Gwyneth Moody