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Mark Taylor, Board President
San Marcos Greenbelt Alliance
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Dear Mr. Taylor:

I am pleased to inform you that your project has been selected for support from the Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program of the National Park Service for fiscal year 2018. This support is anticipated to begin immediately and will continue through September 2018. Your application for RTCA assistance advances our program goal of helping build local, connected networks of parks, trails, and greenspaces. The goal outlined for the project—to develop a regional trail connecting San Marcos, Kyle, and Buda—is one that the National Park Service strongly supports.

We look forward to working with your organization and its partners to facilitate planning for this regional trail. Justin Bates from our Texas Field Office will be your primary point of contact during the assistance period. He may be reached at 512-878-7463 or by email at justin_bates@nps.gov.

The assistance to be provided by RTCA this year will include:

1. Identifying case studies of other regional trails to inform local trail planning efforts
2. Assisting with efforts to engage key stakeholders, elected and appointed officials, and members of the public in the trail planning process
3. Participating in meetings of the Kyle-San Marcos-Buda Regional Trail Work Group

RTCA expects the San Marcos Greenbelt Alliance and other partners to contribute in-kind and financial support to the success of the project. Such contributions could include:

1. Participation in project meetings, site visits, and other project activities
2. Management of logistics for project meetings, including meeting space (as necessary and available), printing, and reproduction
3. Assistance in organizing and supporting public engagement and outreach efforts

4. Provision of GIS mapping and other professional and technical support to advance the trail planning effort
5. Participation in development of grant applications and other funding requests
6. Coordination and engagement with project stakeholders, partners, elected representatives, and governmental departments

If printed materials, signage, reports, or publications are part of the project, we request appropriate recognition by using the NPS arrowhead symbol and mention of the Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program.

Please contact Justin if you have any questions or concerns about the offered assistance and mutual responsibilities listed above. We look forward to working with you on this important effort.

Regards,



Alan Ragins, Program Leader
Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program
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cc: The Honorable John Cornyn, United States Senator
The Honorable Ted Cruz, United States Senator
The Honorable Lamar Smith, United States House of Representatives
The Honorable Roger Williams, United States House of Representatives
The Honorable Lloyd Doggett, United States House of Representatives
The Honorable Donna Campbell, Texas Senate
The Honorable Jason Isaac, Texas House of Representatives
The Honorable Bert Cobb, Hays County Judge
The Honorable Debbie Gonzales Ingalsbe, Hays County Commissioner
The Honorable Will Conley, Hays County Commissioner
The Honorable John Thomaidis, Mayor, City of San Marcos
The Honorable Travis Mitchell, Mayor, City of Kyle
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