

June 19, 2017

**Ms. Deirdre Hewitt
National Park Service
Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance**

Ms. Hewitt:

The Warren County Board of Commissioners supports the efforts made by the Town of Warrenton in applying for an assistance grant which would help bring a network of different types of trails to the County in the future. Providing recreational opportunities to our citizens is an important endeavor and one in which we encourage. This project also has the potential to have an economic impact on the County if implemented, as recreational tourism could help bring visitors to our county. It is also worthy to note that this project will promote land and nature conservation.

The Board of Commissioners has recently approved the NC Lakes District Regional Bike Plan as it relates to our County. This is a plan developed by the Kerr Tar Regional Council of Governments and its partners. We encourage the Town of Warrenton to help further develop this already existing plan as it relates to the County and expand upon it to include not only bicycle routes but also hiking and horseback trails. We are encouraged by initial plans of linking these routes with other recreational opportunities in the county including Buck Spring Park and the County Recreation Center.

The Board is committed to helping the Town in their planning efforts. We would be happy to host public meetings and aid in the recruitment of countywide volunteers. If there is any other way we may be able to provide assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,

**Victor Hunt, Chairman
Warren County Board of Commissioners**