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Alaska Department of Natural Resources
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Recreational Trails Program
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Dear Grant Application Evaluation Committee,

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Contaminated Sites Program's Brownfields Program is pleased to provide a letter of support for the Delta Junction Trail Association's (DJTA) Recreational Trails Program grant application.

The DEC Brownfields Program worked with the DJTA on the Riverwalk project for several years. The Brownfields Program receives funding from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to assess and cleanup property that may hinder a reuse project. A portion of the property where the proposed Riverwalk Trail project is located on was formerly used as an unauthorized shooting range. Spent bullets and shotgun pellets caused elevated concentrations of lead, arsenic, and antimony to be present in the soil posing a health risk to people, plants, and animals. In 2016, DJTA applied for and received a Targeted Brownfield Assessment service from the EPA to define the extent of the impacts at the shooting range and the adjacent old dump site. Based on that work, DJTA applied for and was awarded DEC Brownfield Cleanup and Assessment (DBAC) service funding of almost \$425,000 to clean up the old shooting range. The cleanup project was a collaboration with DEC Brownfields Program, DJTA, City of Delta Junction, DEC Solid Waste Program, and the Department of Natural Resources Division of Mining, Lands, and Water. A total of 800 cubic yards of contaminated soil at the former shooting range was excavated, chemically treated, and disposed of off-site, and that property is now safe and ready to be reused.

During the time, the DEC Brownfields Program found DJTA to be a very good partner to work with. DJTA has been diligent in their pursuit of developing the trail system searching for creative solutions to clean up a contaminated site in order to provide the community with a safe and healthy recreational space. DJTA was responsive to any of our questions or concerns and always willing to provide any

additional information that was needed for the project. The Riverwalk Project has broad community support with a strong group of volunteers and formal support from the City of Delta Junction. The enthusiasm and positivity that DJTA brought to this project made it a pleasure to work with them.

If you have any questions, please contact me, at 907-766-3184, or annemarie.palmieri@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anne Marie Palmieri".

Anne Marie Palmieri
DEC Brownfields Program