

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-3038

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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FRIENDS OF LOUISIANA WILDLIFE REFUGES, INC'S RECREATIONAL TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT TRAILS IN THE BOGUE CHITTO NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.

WHEREAS, the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century provides funds to the State of Louisiana for grants to federal, state, local government agencies, non-profit organizations and commercial entities to acquire, develop and/or maintain motorized and non-motorized trails; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration's Recreational Trails Program for Louisiana ("FRTPL") has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the state and setting up necessary procedures governing project application under the program; and

WHEREAS, these regulations require an application to have a resolution of support from the local governmental body of the jurisdiction in which the proposed project is located;, and

WHEREAS, Friends of Louisiana Wildlife Refuges, Inc., a 501 c (3) non-profit organization, has collaborated with the Southeast Louisiana Wildlife Refuge Complex (in Lacombe) of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service to construct a 300 foot boardwalk, with security cameras and benches, that will link two sections of a new quarter mile trail in a scenic cypress swamp in the Bogue Chitto National Wildlife Reserve; and

WHEREAS, the project is easily accessed because it is located at the Pearl River Turnaround at exit 11 of I-59 near the Louisiana / Mississippi state line; and

WHEREAS, the boardwalk and trail will provide access for hiking, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, and interpretive education. It augments an area with a fishing pond, three (3) fishing piers, a recently completed trail and boardwalk through a cypress swamp, and a small pavilion; and

WHEREAS, a significant cost of the project will be provided by in-kind labor donated by AmeriCorps and community volunteers.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES to endorse and support the application being submitted to the FRTPL by Friends of Louisiana Wildlife Refuges, Inc.

THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: _____ SECONDED BY: _____

YEAS: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED ON THE 6 DAY OF January, 2011, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

JERRY BINDER, COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

THERESA L. FORD, COUNCIL CLERK