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Randy Hulsey
Director
Douglas County Department of Transportation
8700 Hospital Drive
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Dear Mr. Hulsey:

I am writing this letter to express my strong support for Douglas County in its effort to secure funding for the development of "Chattahoochee Hill Country Regional Greenway Trail – Douglas Co. NE Extension from Boundary Waters Park to Sweetwater Creek State Park." This 11-mile segment will be a critical early achievement in an important regional project.

The City of Chattahoochee Hills also is working to develop a segment of the four-county Greenway Trail. Our pilot segment, running from Cochran Mill Park to Phillips Rd, is still in the design phase, but we are looking forward to its completion. Even more importantly, we are looking forward to linking it with segments in Douglas, Carroll, and Coweta Counties, creating a network that will be a valuable regional asset.

The City of Chattahoochee Hills, directly to the east of Douglas County, has declared its desire to remain "deliberately rural." This concept guides everything from our zoning, to our economic development efforts, to our transportation infrastructure. The city will de-emphasize typical automobile-centric development styles and provide people with opportunities to encounter the natural world. The regional greenway plan is a key aspect of that vision.

Please let me know if there is anything further I can do to support your efforts to realize the 11-mile extension or, in fact, any part of the regional network.

Sincerely,

Michael Morton
City Planner

