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RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF LAKELAND'S SE7EN WETLANDS
TRAIL COMPLETION PROJECT

David Anderson

Charles Cook

Dear Mayor Mutz,

Judy Joiner

Robbie Shields

The Friends of the Parks Foundation has been an advocate for the City of Lakeland's Se7en Wetlands since the trails were partially opened to the public in April 2018. It has come to our attention that Se7en Wetlands staff are applying for a grant to complete the trails project. We fully support this endeavor.

Se7en Wetland's trails will connect to three existing parks and their trail systems including Polk County's Loyce Harpe Park, Lakeland Highlands Scrub, and Mulberry Park. The Se7en Wetlands trail system offers users facility interconnectivity and outstanding environmental education and recreation opportunities.

Se7en Wetlands has participated in our Trek Ten Trails program since it opened. The program, which is free and open to the public, is designed to get families 'off the couch' to enjoy the outdoors through hiking activities. Se7en Wetlands has unique GPS coordinates for a special Geocache and Trail Stamp. The completion of the Se7en Wetlands Trail Project will offer even more opportunities for innovative partnerships.

This letter conveys our utmost support for funding the Se7en Wetlands Trail Completion Project.

Best Regards,



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