



March 7, 2017

The Honorable Howard Wiggs, Mayor
City of Lakeland
228 South Massachusetts Avenue
Lakeland, Florida 33801

RE: *Se7en Wetlands Park Assistance Grant; Fiscal Year 2017-2018*

Dear Mayor Wiggs,

It's my honor to write in support of the City of Lakeland's Se7en Wetlands grant request submitted to FDEP Division of Water Resources to enhance recreational offerings in our area and provide contiguous access to public land.

Ideally located between Mulberry and Lakeland, Loyce Harpe Park and the Lakeland Highlands Scrub, the Se7en Wetlands Park provides a critical link to our area's natural resources network. As a principal industry and corporate partner in Mulberry and Lakeland for more than a decade, we understand that the strength and vibrancy of our local communities are the keys to success. Walking and hiking trails contribute greatly to quality of life. This project also promotes alternative water supply, reuse, habitat management and environmental education. As a neighboring land owner, we applaud the City's vision and efforts to recognize the potential of this previously mined land. Therefore, we respectfully invite your careful consideration of this request and statement of support for the Lakeland Se7en Wetlands grant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Callie Neslund". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Callie Neslund
Public Affairs Manager