



CITY OF DUNNELLON

City Commission

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Mr. James Couillard, PLA, ASLA
Director, Parks & Recreation
111 SE 25th Avenue
Ocala, Florida 34471

October 6, 2021

Re: Appropriation to support Multi-Modal Improvements on East Pennsylvania Avenue and connection over the Rainbow River into Blue Run of Dunnellon Park

Dear Mr. Couillard,

The Dunnellon City Council fully endorses Marion County's appropriation request for the design and construction of Multi-Modal Improvements along Pennsylvania Avenue in our city, including a connection over the Rainbow River into Blue Run of Dunnellon Park as part of the Southwest Marion County Regional Recreational Plan.

Many visitors are currently walking to the park across the County Road 484 vehicular bridge, which poses a serious safety concern. This project is essential for the expansion of hiker and biker activity, especially with the recent expansion of the Dunnellon Trail and the underground connection to the Withlacoochee State Trail. The City Council is extremely appreciative of your efforts and assistance to acquire funding to address this urgent matter of pedestrian safety.

We are confident once completed, this project will foster significant economic development within the outdoor recreation and eco-tourism markers within the region benefitting the businesses and residents of the City of Dunnellon, as well as Marion County and Citrus County.

Once again, thank you for your support!

Should you need additional assistance from this Council, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Kindest regards,

William P. White, Mayor
City of Dunnellon