



City of Milton

Office of the Mayor

June 21, 2019

The Honorable Don Gaetz
Chairman
Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.
P.O. Box 12007
Tallahassee, FL 32317

Dear Chairman Gaetz:

As the Mayor of the City of Milton, it is my privilege to request your support for the North Santa Rosa Regional Water Reclamation Facility (NSRRWF) Proposal #87 to be placed on the agenda for the next Triumph Gulf Coast Board of Directors meeting. The initial proposal of \$20 million has been revised to \$9 million due to the additional sources of funding since we first applied.

The City of Milton has been operating a wastewater system in Santa Rosa County since the 1960s. The franchise area covers the entire central region of the county, including key regional economic assets, the Naval Air Station Whiting Field, the City of Milton and the SR 10 (US 90) corridor. Santa Rosa County is one of the fastest growing counties in Florida and this growth has placed continued stress on the existing wastewater infrastructure, which is nearing capacity.

Because of this wastewater capacity limitation, the City commissioned the design and permitting of a new wastewater treatment facility in 2009. The NSRRWF is a shovel-ready project and designed to fully support new community growth and critical economic development projects in the central Santa Rosa County area. The NSRRWF design uses rapid infiltration basins to eliminate surface water discharges of wastewater effluent into the Blackwater River and associated water bodies of Pensacola Bay in an effort to minimize damage to water quality and natural habitats. Additionally, the NSRRWF will allow hundreds of individual septic systems to be abandoned over time.

In addition to the \$562,500 appropriated by the legislature in 2017 and the \$500,000 the legislature appropriated again this year, the City has been hard at work seeking matching funds to complete this \$51 million project. We have applied for funds from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). These funds are in addition to our investment of land and existing operating improvements

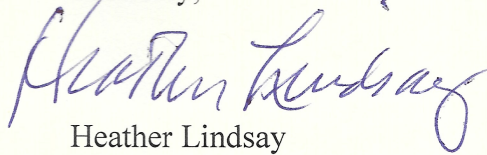
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equaling \$20 million thus far. Currently, the City of Milton has committed another \$8 million along with Santa Rosa County adding \$6.5 million to achieve the completion of this project.

Once again, we believe this project is one of the most important and truly transformational projects in our area for the next several decades. Without this needed additional wastewater treatment capacity, our region will be unable to realize the direct economic opportunities that are on our horizon.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the Milton City Council or City Manager Randy Jorgenson should you need any additional information on this project. We appreciate your support of this incredibly important project and ask you to advance our top priority.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Heather Lindsay". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'H'.

Heather Lindsay
Mayor, City of Milton

cc: Santa Rosa County Commission