

RESOLUTION

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF MORGAN

WHEREAS, at the regular meeting of City of Madison of Morgan County, Georgia, held on October 12, 2020, a motion was made and duly seconded that the City of Madison agrees to submit a pre-application for funding from the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program.

WHEREAS, at the City of Madison agreed the pre-application would be the project known as the Horse Branch Preserve & Trail, located inside and abutting the city limits entailing the conservation of approximately 65 acres of sensitive environmental land and construction of trails encompassing one segment of particularly high public interest known as the “model mile,”

WHEREAS, the City of Madison has outlined its multi-faceted intention to complete this project for the benefit of citizens and visitors and outlined its intent to pursue funding to assist in implementation of this project as part of various planning documents, including the Comprehensive Plan, the GreenPrint Plan, and as depicted on the Atlas Trail Network Map,

WHEREAS, the City of Madison adopted a detailed budget for TSPLOST funds for seed money for trails, including \$175,000 to be utilized for trail construction, and intends to use said funds to meet part of the obligatory 25% match for the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program grant, if funded;

WHEREAS, the City of Madison agrees to support the application for Horse Branch Preserve & Trail for the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program for submittal, by committing owned

conservation lands to that purpose, with in-kind contributions including both labor and cash, and commit to the ongoing maintenance and security of this future city asset;

THEREFORE, in the event the City of Madison's pre-application is recommended for funding by the Department of Natural Resources, the City of Madison certifies and assures that it has the ability and intention to fund \$175,000 toward the obligatory 25% percent obligatory match of the total project cost and will move forward with due diligence to prepare, or have prepared, appropriate documentation required for a formal Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program grant application.

CITY OF MADISON, GEORGIA

[AFFIX CITY SEAL]

Attest: _____

Ashley Hawk, City Clerk

Fred Perriman, Mayor

Rick Blanton, Council Member

Chris Gilbert Hodges, Council Member

Carrie Peters-Reid, Council Member

Ed Latham, Council Member

Eric Joyce, Council Member