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RE: Recognition of Venice, Florida as a Trail Town

Mayor Nicholas Pachota & City Council members,

I am writing on behalf of the Office of Greenways and Trails at the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to recognize Venice as a Trail Town.

A Trail Town is a community located near long-distance non-motorized recreational trails. Defined by the Office of Greenways and Trails, it is a vibrant destination where trail users can enjoy hiking, biking, equestrian, or paddling trails, benefiting the town economically and socially.

The Trail Town Program supports the 2024-2028 Florida Greenways and Trails System (FGTS) Plan and the Office of Greenways and Trails (OGT) (F.S. 260). The FGTS Plan aims to create a connected statewide system of greenways and trails for recreation, conservation, alternative transportation, healthy lifestyles, and a vibrant economy. The Trail Town Program aligns with these goals by promoting the development and maintenance of high-quality trails and fostering collaboration among local organizations, volunteers, and government entities.

We commend Venice for its vision and perseverance in promoting outdoor activities. The collective effort of the town's residents, leaders, and partners sets a commendable standard for other communities to follow.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Britney Mulholland via email at Britney.Mulholland@Floridadep.gov.

Sincerely,

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Cc: John Groves, Regional Coordinator