



NORTH COAST
LAND CONSERVANCY

Harmony S J Burrigh
Oregon Water Resources Department
Place-Base Planning

December 21, 2015

Re: Letters of support

Dear Harmony,

We are hoping to use the attached letters of support as an appendix to our Letter of Interest for the Oregon Water Resources Department's Place-Based planning grant. If you have any questions or need further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Happy holidays,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon Wickersham', is written over a printed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Jon Wickersham

DAVID GOMBERG
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 10



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

November 23, 2015

North Coast Land Conservancy
PO Box 67
Seaside, OR 97138

Dear North Coast Land Conservancy;

I am writing to support the North Coast Land Conservancy and the North Coast Basin Coalition in their work to protect drinking water in Tillamook and Clatsop Counties. Specifically, I support your application for a DEQ *Oregon Coastal Drinking Water Protection* grant from the Source Water Assessments fund. This fund empowers citizens to address risks to their drinking water, and this assessment is a crucial first step.

We need to protect our watersheds to ensure clean drinking water in perpetuity. Our region has the opportunity to do this in partnership with the Oregon Water Resources Department. The WRD grant goal is to develop a collaborative community vision for clean and reliable water. The North Coast Land Conservancy and North Coast Basin Coalition are a great example of this collaboration, and I am proud to join them in my role as co-convenor. I am fully committed to remain involvement in the WRD Place-based Planning Process to develop model solutions that can help other communities throughout Oregon solve their complex water challenges.

The North Coast Land Conservancy will be the grant's fiscal sponsor to assist our North Coast Basin watersheds. The planning process will bring together regional stakeholders as partners to protect the quantity and quality of our water, and the ecosystem health of our forests. Water commissioners, water districts, public works officials, citizens and community leaders will receive WRD technical support and staff time. Each of these key groups will collaborate in the Place-Based Planning Process with the complex web of agency, nonprofit, forestry and conservation experts to plan and achieve place-specific solutions.

I am excited to see what solutions come out of the process. I am committed to sharing the data, resources and actions that the group finds effective in monitoring and protecting drinking water.

Again, thank you for your commitment to this process. If I can be of any further assistance, or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David Gomberg".

Rep. David Gomberg

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December 3, 2015

John Wickersham
North Coast Land Conservancy
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RE: Letter of Support--Place-Based Grant from Oregon Water Resources Department

Dear Mr. Wickersham

In our continuing efforts to secure and protect the City's surface water resource and rights that are located in the Jetty Creek Watershed, we welcome effective partnerships to make that goal a permanent reality.

Commensurate with the State 2012 Integrated Water Resource Strategy, your organization and the North Coast Basin Coalition appear to have a workable tactic with your plans to seek grant funding for a Place-Based Planning Grant from the Oregon Water Resources Department.

The City of Rockaway Beach supports the state 2012 Integrated Water Resource Strategy, and the voluntary efforts of local water interests to work in partnership with the State of Oregon to address all facets of water resource planning.

Therefore, the City of Rockaway is pleased to provide this letter of support for the efforts described here.

Joanne Aagaard
Mayor



Oregon

Kate Brown, Governor

Department of Forestry

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Jon Wickersham
North Coast Land Conservancy
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December 18, 2015

Re: OWRD place-based planning grant

Mr. Wickersham,

I am sending you this letter with regard to the North Coast Land Conservancy grant application to Oregon Watershed Resources for a place-based planning grant. I have had conversations with Meg Thompson several times on this topic and attended meetings in Rockaway Beach, Oceanside, and Neskowin to discuss drinking water and forest operations.

The Oregon Department of Forestry, Tillamook Office, will participate in the planning process when this effort begins. Department of Forestry staff can provide technical expertise on forest operations and interpretation of the Forest Practices Act. In addition, ODF can provide GIS spatial data or historic information on ownership and forest land use. The grant application covers an area with two ODF offices and responsibilities. Tillamook Office will act as the main contact and coordinator with Astoria District and Salem staff.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Kate J. Skinner
Tillamook District Forester
Oregon Department of Forestry



Necanicum Watershed Council

Jon Wickersham
North Coast Land Conservancy
P.O. Box 67
Seaside, OR 97138

December 14, 2015

Dear Jon,

The Necanicum Watershed Council is very supportive of your efforts to partner with the North Coast Basin Coalition to seek funding to provide solutions for drinking water issues in Tillamook and Clatsop Counties. We applaud your efforts in applying for a Place-based Planning Grant through the Oregon Water Resources Department.

Recently, the watershed council and City of Seaside have been working together to develop a comprehensive watershed management plan, and just learned that the City has been awarded \$30,000 for Drinking Water Source Protection through the Oregon Health Authority's Drinking Water Services and the Department of Environmental Quality. We plan to use this money to survey the City's ownership within their drinking water source watershed (the South Fork Necanicum) and create a management and protection plan with the information gathered. Please include our partnership, and these funds and their intended outcome, as part of the suite of resources available to you during this process.

I would love to explore other opportunities to collaborate with you and the North Coast Basin Coalition on this endeavor, as well as help other landowners and communities in our region through this and similar processes.

The Necanicum Watershed Council fully supports your efforts to identify and prioritize strategic solutions to address water issues and needs, and I thank you for your continued work and outstanding efforts within the Necanicum Watershed. I look forward to another exciting partnership opportunity.

Respectfully,

Melyssa Graeper
Coordinator
Necanicum Watershed Council



Ecola Creek Watershed Council 42 7th Street, Suite 102 C Astoria, OR 97103

November 18, 2015

Oregon Water Resources Department
Attention: Place-Based Planning Grants
725 Summer Street NE, Suite A
Salem, OR 97301

Re: North Coast Land Conservancy & North Coast Basin Coalition WRD Grant Application

Dear Oregon Water Resource Department:

The Ecola Creek Watershed Council is a stakeholder organization located in the southwest corner of Clatsop County on Oregon's North Coast. Land elevations in Ecola Creek Watershed extend from sea level to as high as 2,500 feet. Our watershed consists of approximately 14,000 acres, of which 13,237 acres are industrial forestlands. These dramatic and rugged industrial forestlands provide drinking water to Ecola State Park, Oswald West State Park, and the communities of Cannon Beach, Tolovana, Arcadia Beach, Arch Cape, and Falcon Cove Beach. While the drinking water systems vary from million dollar treatment plants to seemingly off the grid gravity fed systems, the waters our residents and visitors consume all face similar quality issues.

For these reasons, the Council supports the North Coast Land Conservancy and North Coast Basin Coalition application for a Place-based Planning Grant to develop a collaborative community vision for clean and reliable water on the North Oregon Coast. There is a definite need to protect our watersheds to ensure clean drinking water in perpetuity and we believe this can only be achieved through collaboration among our regional partners. The Council will gladly assist in the WRD place-based planning process to develop model solutions. The Council will readily share data, resources, and volunteer time.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael Manzulli".

Michael Manzulli
Chairman
Ecola Creek Watershed Council

Dear Mr. Wickersham:

Re: Letter of Support

As a member of the Rockaway Beach Citizens for Watershed Protection I am writing in support of the North Coast Land Conservancy's application for a **Place-Based Planning Grant via the Oregon Water Resources Department**. This grant will enable us to further our goal of sustainable drinking water for coastal communities.

Our group has been working together for approximately 4 years and planned and sponsored two successful Town Hall style forums that were attended by approximately 350 local citizens. We have been supported by several local businesses who provided donations for door prizes for these events. All of this support encourages us to continue the work we have started, which is why we are applying for this grant.

Additionally, we have met to commit to the following:

- 1) RBCWP supports the concept of placed-based planning to assess issues and develop solutions for sustainable drinking water
- 2) RBCWP will participate if invited to do so
- 3) RBCWP will provide volunteer services to facilitate this project
- 4) RBCWP will coordinate with other community groups and organizations throughout the region for a successful outcome

If you have any questions, please direct them to:

Patrick McIntire (drpmac@gmail.com, [971 306-1062](tel:9713061062))

We appreciate your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Karen Mahurin

Rockaway Beach Citizens for Watershed Protection

<p style="text-align: center;">Deborah Boone State Representative HD 32</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">900 Court Street NE Salem, OR 97301 <u>503-986-1432</u></p>
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December 3, 2015

Oregon Water Resources Department
725 Summer Street NE, Suite A
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support Letter for the North Coast Land Conservancy's OWRD Place-Based Planning Grant

Attention: Harmony Burrig and Place-Based Planning Grant Review Committee Members;

I am writing in support of the North Coast Land Conservancy's application for an Oregon Water Resources Department Place-Based Planning Grant. Clean, abundant drinking water is essential, and I have heard from many of my constituents and other coastal citizens who have ongoing concerns about risks to their drinking water. The timing of this grant couldn't be better, as North Coast Basin surface drinking watersheds in Clatsop and Tillamook Counties will soon receive DEQ Source Water Assessments. These assessments will provide technical data regarding site-specific risks regarding water quality and quantity to municipal systems, water districts, agencies, timber interests and citizen groups. The Place-Based Planning Grant can then be used to work with communities to identify how best to achieve the goals of clean, abundant reliable drinking water.

I believe the North Coast Land Conservancy is ideally suited to act as Convener of this process to bring the stakeholders and interested groups together to build collaborative, cost-effective solutions to meet our coastal drinking water needs. Representative David Gomberg has also expressed concerns about coastal water quality issues, and it is my understanding he has agreed to serve as Co-Convener for this process. I will look forward to progress reports concerning the OWRD Place-Based Planning effort, and will be available to communicate those to the citizens of my legislative district.

Clean, abundant drinking water is necessary for the social and economic well-being of our citizens and communities. I fully support this grant application to help facilitate the evaluation and development of viable solutions to protect north coast sustainable drinking water sources.

Sincerely,

Deborah Boone



November 24, 2015

Oregon Water Resources Department
Attention: Place-Based Planning Grants
725 Summer Street NE, Suite A
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: Letter of Support for Water Planning Grant | Convener: Rep. David Gomberg (D-District 10) | Co-Convener: North Coast Basin Coalition | Fiscal Sponsor: North Coast Land Conservancy

To Whom It May Concern:

I urge your endorsement of this partnership's Letter of Interest. The need for concerted watershed planning in Tillamook and Clatsop Counties is pressing. Empowering this group with the authority to lead such an effort is the necessary next step to address diverse water interests in order to produce actionable recommendations.

North Coast Land Conservancy (NCLC) and the North Coast Basin Coalition (NCBC) are working with Representative Gomberg to provide solutions for drinking water issues in Tillamook and Clatsop Counties. To that end, these two organizations seek funding for a deliberate, thoughtful, balanced, and inclusive planning process. It is my experience these applicants possess the capacity to develop an implementation-ready, collaborative set of solutions that addresses threats posed to water quantity and quality, and ecosystem health.

Lower Nehalem Community Trust is a long-time, on-the-ground partner to both NCLC and NCBC. Both have in place strong partnerships necessary to a successful planning process. Their staff and members bring complementary backgrounds, skills, and expertise, and both groups model values of learning and innovation.

As a grassroots organization, NCBC's leadership demonstrates the highest levels of integrity and fairness, and they have forged a strong platform of inclusivity and education. NCBC has a track record of reaching across differences and convening large-scale town hall meetings on water-related topics. These town halls draw capacity audiences and are attended by legislators, local residents, the timber industry, media, academics, municipal officials, state agencies, and nonprofit leaders alike.

NCLC has a superior reputation for strong collaboration and expert leadership of multi-stakeholder conservation initiatives on Oregon's north coast. Their reputation for integrity and respect is uncompromising, and their focused and deliberate style has resulted in large-scale projects that often require cooperation among stakeholders with a variety of interests. Further, their ability to manage funds and leverage requisite in-kind donations and funding to meet their obligations has been fully demonstrated.

Thank you for your consideration,



Dale Cramer Burr | MBA, MPA
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December 2, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written to support the North Coast Land Conservancy and the North Coast Basin Coalition's application for an Oregon Water Resources Department Place-based Planning Grant. Beyond Toxics is a statewide environmental health non-profit chartered in the State of Oregon. We serve over 10,000 members and participants who seek a healthy and clean Oregon. We have a two-year history of partnering with the North Coast Basin Coalition to educate the public about the need to protect drinking water in a number of coastal communities.

During 2014 and 2015, Beyond Toxics participated in three highly successful public education forums in towns that will benefit from the proposed projects: Rockaway Beach and Astoria. Two of these forums were directly organized by the North Coast Basin Coalition. Not only were these well-attended events, totaling over 350 people, the level of citizen engagement was impressive. These types of public education events will continue to serve the Coalition as a successful means to reaching out to their coastal neighbors and building effective citizen engagement in issues related to protecting drinking water.

I believe that the North Coast Basin Coalition has proven itself capable of working with multiple stakeholders to develop a collaborative community vision for clean and reliable water. This is a hard-working, collaborative and well-organized group of residents. They've successfully developed a vision and a plan to achieve their goal: strategic and successful partnerships to protect the quantity and quality of drinking water and local forest ecosystems.

Beyond Toxics will commit to encouraging and participating in a collaborative Planning Process with agencies, other nonprofits, forestry and conservation experts to support coastal residents to adopt model solutions and carry out place-specific activities. We are pleased to pledge our intent to share data and in-kind resources to support this excellent effort. The collaborative approach and serious determination of the North Coast Land Conservancy and the North Coast Basin Coalition to move forward with developing model water protection projects and strategies is worthy of support from the Oregon Water Resources Department.

Thank you for this opportunity to express our commitment and support for the North Coast Basin Coalition's proposed project to protect their communities' drinking water for future generations.

Sincerely,

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Jon Wickersham
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Dear Jon;

The North Coast Basin Coalition (NCBC) citizens group strongly supports your application for the Oregon Water Resources Place-based Planning Grant. Our coalition works to protect drinking water through public education and collaboration with agencies, nonprofits and other stakeholders. We can offer in-kind support throughout the planning process.

The North Coast Basin Coalition has organized town halls in Rockaway Beach, Astoria, Nehalem, Bay City and Tillamook with agency, university and non-profit experts in the fields of public health, forestry and environmental protection. Representative Gomberg and Senator Roblan came to Oceanside for a water safety town hall. We have conferred with neighborhood associations, water commissioners, county commissioners, legislators, the Oregon Board of Forestry and the Environmental Quality Commission. We have sponsored film festivals and authors to speak in our communities about watershed health and pesticide risks. Our work has gained the support of EQC Commissioner Ed Armstrong and DEQ Director Dick Pedersen and numerous agency staff.

With NCLC's leadership, our North Coast Basin can develop site-specific solutions that maintain the health of our communities and our land. Our surface drinking watersheds can meet the water needs of people, business interests and the environment. We look to NCLC and the Place-based Planning Process to bring everyone to the table, to envision our future needs for water and enact meaningful solutions.

Please contact us, if we can provide additional information or support for the grant.

Michael Manzulli
Patrick McIntire
Meg Thompson
Nancy Webster
North Coast Basin Coalition



LOWER NEHALEM WATERSHED COUNCIL

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November 24, 2015

Oregon Water Resources Department
Attn: Place-Based Planning Grants Review Team
725 Summer Street NE, Suite A
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Review Team Members,

We are writing to express the Lower Nehalem Watershed Council's support for the North Coast Land Conservancy and the North Coast Basin Coalition's application for a Place-Based Integrated Water Resources Planning Grant for Tillamook and Clatsop Counties.

The Lower Nehalem Watershed Council is dedicated to the protection, preservation, and enhancement of the Nehalem watershed through leadership, cooperation and education. The Council works with local landowners, state and federal partners, and community members to implement on the ground restoration projects and provide education through outreach activities. As part of our mission, we strive to be an inclusive organization that represents the interests of the diverse stakeholders in our area. The Council regularly works with private landowners, municipalities, and state and federal agencies to implement projects designed to improve water quality and habitat for fish and wildlife throughout the Lower Nehalem basin.

One of our current projects is a partnership with the City of Rockaway Beach to address a fish passage barrier at their water treatment facility and impoundment on Jetty Creek. The project will create a natural channel that will bypass the raw water storage pond and intake, effectively moving the impoundment off-channel and redirecting the flow into a historic channel, restoring access to high quality spawning and rearing habitat for native fish. It will also expand the City's raw water storage pond and install a fish screen at the City's point of diversion. This collaborative effort seeks to improve habitat for fish as well as improve drinking water quality for the City of Rockaway Beach. Highly beneficial projects like this that benefit people, fish and wildlife can be identified through a characterization of current water resources and issues, especially by evaluating ecosystem health. The development of a place-based integrated water resources plan will identify high priority projects and foster collaborative efforts to implement them.

The Council recognizes the direct ties between plentiful, cold and clean water necessary for fish and quality drinking water for residents of the North Coast. Undertaking a Place-Based planning effort to identify strategic actions to benefit fish, wildlife and people is an effective way to address water issues and needs. The Lower Nehalem Watershed Council is committed to protecting, preserving and enhancing the watershed through collaborative efforts like these.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter. We encourage you to support the efforts of the many organizations and local citizens on the North Coast working to improve water quality and quantity for all of our residents through a Placed-Based Planning Grant.

Sincerely,

Samantha Ferber
Chair, Lower Nehalem Watershed Council



Jon Wickersham
North Coast Land Conservancy
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November 24, 2015

RE: Support for the North Coast Lands Conservancy and the North Coast Basin Coalition

Dear Jon,

I am delighted to submit this letter in support of the North Coast Lands Conservancy and the North Coast Basin Coalition's partnership efforts to identify viable solutions to drinking water challenges in Clatsop and Tillamook Counties. Solutions developed by the community and for the community are the solutions that will work and will last.

As you know, Ecotrust is a nonprofit organization, and our goal is to foster a natural model of development that creates more resilient communities, economies, and ecosystems. Our mission is to inspire fresh thinking that creates economic opportunity, social equity, and environmental wellbeing. We have enjoyed a strong working relationship with the North Coast Lands Conservancy for nearly two decades and look forward to continuing to work with you and the more recently formed Coalition.

Our Forestry and Ecosystem Services work over the last few years has led us to three priority areas, and one of these is a focus on forests that provide drinking water to smaller, coastal communities in Oregon and Washington. Our work throughout the Pacific Northwest has us convinced that the integrated water resources planning effort proposed by your partnership is timely and much-needed.

Supporters of this grant to the North Coast Lands Conservancy and the North Coast Basin Coalition will create more resilient coastal communities by helping them better understand the dynamics of their water resources and identify, prioritize, and implement solutions that address their specific water needs.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Brent Davies
Vice President, Forests and Ecosystem Services

The Oceanside Clean Water Committee

Jon Wickersham
North Coast Land Conservancy
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Seaside, OR 97138

November 12, 2015

Dear Jon,

The Oceanside Clean Water Committee has voted and approved supporting the application for an Oregon Resources Department "Place Based Planning Grant", to be made through the North Coast Land Conservancy, to benefit the communities of Oceanside and Cape Meares.

Our understanding of this process is based on the following passage taken from the Oregon Water Resources Department web site:

"Place-based integrated water resources' planning is a collaborative process that brings together various sectors and community interests to work toward the common purpose of maintaining healthy water resources to meet the needs of Oregonians and the environment. The plan itself should serve as a blueprint for meeting both instream and out-of-stream needs, taking into account water quantity, water quality, and ecosystems. Meeting water needs should be considered within the context of specific watersheds, accounting for the hydrological, geological, biological, climatic, socio-economic, cultural, legal, and political conditions of a community."

The long term strategic goal of the Oceanside Clean Water Committee is to insure clean and abundant drinking water in perpetuity. Our drinking water is currently derived from the Short Creek watershed and will shortly also be utilizing the watershed of Coleman Creek. Preliminary investigations by the members of the committee and others have identified potential watershed risks including landslides, tsunamis, earthquakes, severe storms, highway construction, timber clear-cuts and herbicide applications (associated with current commercial forestry management practices), and potential toxic runoff from holding ponds associated with ongoing quarry operations. It should be noted that potential additional stakeholders in this planning study are the current property owners of the land containing the watersheds: the Stimson Lumber Company and Green Crow.

The Oceanside Clean Water Committee certainly hopes that the objectives of the Place Based Planning Grant can be shown to correspond to our long range strategic goals. If it is so shown, the Committee will commit to the planning process and can share data, resources and procedures we have found effective. For example, the committee has worked with The Stimson Lumber Company to develop a voluntary protocol for pesticide application notification and monitoring and can share this protocol with other communities.

Thank you for your commitment to clean drinking water.

Paul R. Newman, Ph.D.

Chairman, Oceanside Clean Water Committee

Falcon Cove Beach Domestic Water Supply District

79387 Ray Brown Road

Arch Cape, OR 97102

November 16, 2015

Re: Support of North Coast Land Conservancy & North Coast Basin Coalition Application

Dear Oregon Water Resource Department:

The Falcon Cove Beach Water District serves drinking water to 92 customers on the Oregon Coast. Maintaining water quality in streams fed by industrial timber is always a great challenge. We support the North Coast Land Conservancy and North Coast Basin Coalition application for a Place-based Planning Grant to develop a collaborative community vision for clean and reliable water on the North Oregon Coast.

There is a definite need to protect our watersheds to ensure clean drinking water in perpetuity and we believe this can only be achieved through collaboration among our regional partners. The District will gladly assist in the WRD Place-based Planning Process to develop model solutions. The District will readily share data, resources, and actions we have found effective in monitoring and protecting drinking water.

Thank you,

Joanne Cornelius, Chairman

BETSY JOHNSON

State Senator

Columbia, Clatsop, Portions of Tillamook,
Washington, and Multnomah Counties



OREGON STATE SENATE
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November 10, 2015

John Wickersham
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Dear Mr. Wickersham,

I have been made aware that the North Coast Land Conservancy and North Coast Basin Coalition are collaborating to seek solutions for drinking water issues in Tillamook and Clatsop Counties.

I have been asked to write a letter of support as these organizations seek a "Place-based Planning Grant" from the Oregon Water Resources Department.

It appears that their request for support is commensurate with the intended purpose of the 2012 Integrated Water Resource strategy. My understanding of the grant is that efforts are intended to be a voluntary, locally initiated and led with a balanced representation of water interests within a hydro-geographic area (e.g. basin, watershed, and groundwater areas) to work in partnership with the state to:

- Build an integrated and collaborative planning process;
- Characterize current water resources and issues (water quantity, water quality, ecosystem health);
- Understand current and future instream and out-of-stream water needs and demands (above and below ground);

- Identify and prioritize strategic solutions to address water issues and needs;
- Develop a place-based integrated water resources plan that helps to inform state-wide strategy.

I am assured that the North Coast planning process will bring together regional stakeholders (water commissioners, water districts, public works officials, citizens government officials and community/business leaders) as partners to seek solutions for issue of water quality and quantity, and the ecosystem health of our forests. These participants will collaborate with a set of agency, nonprofit, forestry, and conservation experts to plan and achieve solutions.

I am pleased to recommend this partnership for funding.

Sincerely,

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Betsy Johnson