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To Whom It May Concern,

The Boys & Girls Club of Henderson County serves over 1,500 children annually with programs that help youth develop into productive, responsible and caring adults. The vast majority of our members are labeled "at-risk" and are growing up in financially stressed households.

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The Club's approach in serving youth is grounded in addressing the needs of the "whole child," mind, body and spirit. This means that in addition to promoting school success, career readiness, and developing positive personal decision-making skills, youth are guided to care for their bodies through healthy eating and regular exercise.

Parks, trails and special projects that promote physical fitness, outdoor recreation and community connection are vital to the families that the Club serves. These initiatives reinforce the Club's work outside of our four walls by keeping healthy lifestyle options within the reach of all community members. Best of all, trails and parks are available to all residents of the county, regardless of family income level.

A further extension of the Oklawaha Greenway enhances an established and attractive local amenity. The existing trail is adjacent to neighborhoods where many of our Club members live, which promotes accessibility and makes the decision to be outdoors and be active an easier one to make. Our organization is excited about the prospect of extending the trail so that it may continue to benefit local families in more and better ways.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julia Hockenberry", written over a horizontal line.

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