



October 18, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SW  
Washington DC, 20590

Re: FY2022 NSFLTP Grant Application – Ecusta Rail Trail: A Multimodal Gateway to the Pisgah National Forest and the Blue Ridge Parkway

Dear Mr. Buttigieg,

Conserving Carolina commits to providing the following matching funds to the 2022 NSFLTP Ecusta Rail Trail application, a project that will provide equitable, active transportation connections to the Pisgah National Forest and Blue Ridge Parkway.

Conserving Carolina will provide cash in the amount of at least \$1,500,000 as match towards a grant award from a NSFLTP toward the Ecusta Rail Trail project.

We are providing these matching funds because this project will increase equity, safety, quality of life, and health for area residents.

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kieran Roe".

Kieran Roe, Executive Director  
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