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Subject: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR BRONSON FIELD HABITAT
RESTORATION AND WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

I am pleased to write this letter of support for the proposed Bronson Field Habitat Restoration and Water Quality Improvement Project for Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) funding consideration. Bronson Field is home of Blue Angel Recreation Park, a recreational area for military personnel. The project will enhance the use of the park, preserve the military mission, and restore the ecosystem to natural conditions, building upon successful efforts in Perdido Bay and Tarkiln Bayou Preserve State Park.

The project will focus on five key components including, trail/access development; impervious shoreline restoration; habitat restoration; living shoreline restoration; and stream restoration. These components will work together to provide enhanced natural shoreline habitat and recreational space for users of the park. In addition, habitat and stream restoration will restore the longleaf pine and wire grass habitat, improve biodiversity and water quality entering Perdido Bay and Tarkiln Bayou, and create new opportunities for management of fishery resources.

I appreciate the opportunity to work with Escambia County on these critical improvements. If further information is needed, please contact me at 850-452-3131 ext. 3003, or by email at mark.w.gibson@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Mark W. Gibson", is positioned above the typed name.

MARK W. GIBSON
Environmental Director
By Direction of
the Commanding Officer