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June 28, 2002

Ms. Mary Cornwell, Chair
William Bartram Scenic & Historic Highway
2652 State Road 13
Switzerland, Florida 32259

Subject: Eligibility of William Bartram Scenic & Historic Highway for inclusion in the Florida Scenic Highways Program

Dear Ms. Cornwell:

I have received the recommendation of the Scenic Highways Advisory Committee and, after careful consideration, agree that the William Bartram Scenic & Historic Highway, State Road 13 from the Julington Creek Bridge to the intersection of State Road 16, a distance of approximately 17.3 miles, exhibits the intrinsic qualities essential for eligibility and potential designation as a Florida Scenic Highway. Your Eligibility Application demonstrates that the roadway corridor contains the historical, scenic, natural, archeological, and recreational intrinsic resources, which are of great value to the State of Florida.

The William Bartram Scenic & Historic Highway Corridor Advocacy Group, working closely with St. Johns County, Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council, and First Coast Metropolitan Planning Organization, as well as private citizens and other public interests, can preserve and sustain these important resources for future generations to enjoy. The William Bartram Scenic & Historic Highway Corridor Advocacy Group can serve to educate the traveling public by "telling a story" about the beauty and uniqueness of this corridor and its contributions to the quality of life in the State of Florida.

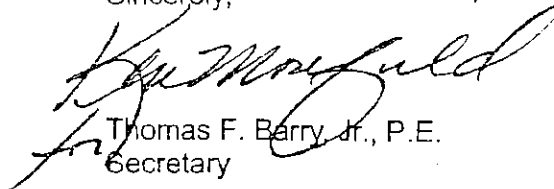
I offer my personal congratulations to you, the Corridor Advocacy Group membership, St. Johns County, Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council, First Coast Metropolitan Planning Organization, and all volunteers and partners for your diligence and work quality in completing the Eligibility Phase. The next phase in the process requires the Corridor Advocacy Group to develop a Corridor Management Plan focused on protecting, preserving and maintaining the resources, and attaining your vision for the corridor.

Personnel involved with the Florida Scenic Highways Program look forward to assisting you in this endeavor. A set of recommendations arising from the Scenic Highway Advisory Committee concerning the corridor will be sent to you through the District. Please address these recommendations and continue to work closely with the District in corridor management plan development. The William Bartram Scenic & Historic Highway corridor, upon completion of this next phase, may be designated as a Florida Scenic Highway under the Department's program.

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Thank you for caring about Florida's precious resources and working so hard to ensure their enjoyment for years to come. Congratulations again on your accomplishment!

Sincerely,



Thomas F. Barry, Jr., P.E.
Secretary

CC: Ms. Donna Godfrey, St. Johns County Growth Management Services
Mr. Brian Teeple, Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council
Mr. John Meserve, Chair, First Coast Metropolitan Planning Organization
Mr. James Bryant, Chair, St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners
Mr. Kirby B. Green, III, St. Johns River Water Management District
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Mr. James Dees, District 2, Planning Manager
Mr. Joe Jordan, District 2, Right-of-Way Manager
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Mr. Leroy Irwin, Manager, Environmental Management Office
Mr. Mariano Berrios, State Scenic Highways Coordinator
Mr. Ken Towcimak, Director of Right-of-Way
Ms. Juanice Hagan, Assistant Right-of-Way Director
Mr. Dick Kane, Public Information Administrator
Ms. Lynne Marie Whately, Carter & Burgess, Inc.
Mr. Dale Eacker, Department of Community Affairs
Mr. Eric Ford, Department of Agriculture
Mr. Lyle Fowler, Department of Environmental Protection
Mr. Terry Gilbert, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Ms. Lee Ann Jacobs, Federal Highway Administration
Mr. Walter Marder, Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources
Mr. Brian Rehwinkel, Visit Florida

SUMMARY OF SCENIC HIGHWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
June 18, 2002

PURPOSE OF MEETING: Determine if the William Bartram Scenic & Historic Highway should be determined eligible for designation as a Florida Scenic Highway

The meeting began at 8:30am and ended at 11:00am.

SHAC Members in attendance:

Mariano Berrios, FDOT
Dale Eacker, DCA
Eric Ford, Department of Agriculture
Lyle Fowler, Department of Environmental Protection
Terry Gilbert, FFWCC
Lee Ann Jacobs, FHWA
Walter Marder, DOS (Division of Historical Resources)

SHAC Members absent:

Brian Rehwinkel, Visit Florida (Tourism Industry)

Others in attendance:

Garry Balogh, D-5, DSHC
Kristee Booth, D-2, DSHC
Danielle Robinson, Carter & Burgess
Lynne Marie Whately, Carter & Burgess

The SHAC approved the corridor expressing appreciation for the fine job done by the CAG and that this corridor truly reflects the essence of the program. The SHAC's recommendations regarding the application are provided below:

1. Work with local governments to extend the corridor limits further south to the intersection of State Road 207.
2. Address the local governments' current and future land use planning to ensure that the current scenic resources of this corridor will be maintained.
3. Coordinate with local governments to address the heavy vehicle traffic use on this road.
4. Consider adjusting the corridor limits in the north section.
5. Develop action items that would enhance the travelers' ability to learn more about the historical resources associated with this corridor (i.e., information kiosks).

Program Notes: On roads designated as Florida Scenic Highways, property acquisition must comply with the Uniform Relocation Act where such property is acquired related to the designated corridor. A prohibition on the issuance of new Outdoor Advertising Permits will occur upon designation.

The SHAC recommends that the William Bartram Scenic & Historic Highway be determined eligible for designation as a Florida Scenic Highway.