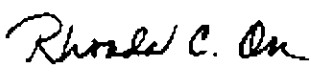

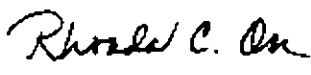


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<b>Staff Contact(s):</b> Cindy Finney		<b>Phone:</b> 386 740 5160	<b>Ext.</b> 15160	
<b>Summary/Highlights:</b> The county has been asked to join the St. Johns River Alliance in seeking to have the entire St. Johns River designated as a state paddling trail and part of the blueway system. The Alliance asks for a letter of support to the state Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Greenways and Trails. The Alliance believes that designating the St. Johns River as a state paddling trail will help with grant applications and publicity efforts. The designation would also allow marinas, fish camps, restaurants, and other private enterprises along the river to be included in the list of facilities on the state website. The attached draft letter states that the county intends to maintain its existing facilities along the river. No other costs will be incurred.				
<b>Recommended Motion:</b> Approval.				



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June 6, 2013

Mr. Mark Middlebrook, Executive Director  
St. Johns River Alliance  
2029 North 3rd Street  
Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250

Dear Mr. Middlebrook:

The Volusia County Council endorses the application of the St. Johns River Alliance to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Greenways and Trails, to designate the entire St. Johns River as a paddling trail and part of the blueway system. The enjoyable use of the river as a paddling trail is supported by county facilities already available for public use along the 59 miles of Volusia shore. The county intends to continue its maintenance of those facilities.

Sincerely,

Jason P. Davis, Chair  
Volusia County

Cc: Volusia County Council  
James T. Dinneen, County Manager  
Mary Anne Connors, Deputy County Manager  
Dan Eckert, County Attorney