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**Smart Growth America Community Connectors Grant Program  
The Bluffline Letter of Support**

Dear Community Connectors Grant Review Committee,

On behalf of the Pensacola and Perdido Bays Estuary Program (PPBEP), I would like to offer my full support for the Bluffline project proposed by Bluffline, Inc.

The mission of the Estuary Program is to restore and protect the Pensacola and Perdido Bay watersheds through restoration, education, and unbiased monitoring of the health of our bays, estuaries, and watersheds. The vision presented by Bluffline, Inc. to construct a 10-mile public greenway from Scenic Heights to West Pensacola directly aligns with PPBEP's Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) – A Prescription for Healthy Bays.

Specifically, this project aligns with Goal 2: Strengthen Community Resilience, Objective 2.1: Inform community planning and development decisions, Action 2.1.1: Promote the use of smart growth and best land management practices to maximize the health and resilience of local communities; and Objective 2.3: Promote the use of green infrastructure in community planning, Action 2.3.1: Enhance stormwater management by expanding the use of green infrastructure practices.

The Bluffline project will not only serve as a crucial artery of transportation and recreational activity for the local community, but its planned incorporation of erosion control and stormwater mitigation measures will significantly contribute to the health and sustainability of our bay and inland waterways.

By implementing such environmentally conscious designs, the Bluffline project embodies the kind of solution-oriented thinking that PPBEP encourages. It also demonstrates a clear commitment to ecological conservation, further contributing to our shared goal of preserving the natural beauty and health of our region for future generations.

Moreover, we deeply value Bluffline, Inc.'s intention to reconnect residents with their environment. We believe that fostering this connection is crucial for instilling a sense of responsibility and care for our local ecosystems. Projects like Bluffline can help in strengthening these connections, further nurturing the community's commitment to conservation efforts.

The Pensacola and Perdido Bays Estuary Program looks forward to collaborating with Bluffline, Inc. as they bring this initiative to life, contributing to the enhancement of our region's natural resources and community life. I encourage you to support this proposal. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Pensacola and Perdido Bays Estuary Program