

Moore County Wildlife & Conservation Club, Inc.
1820 Airport Road
Carthage, NC 28327

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Sarah G. Zambon, Esq.
Assistant Attorney General
North Carolina Department of Justice

RE: EEG Grant Proposal of the Little Nine Conservancy, Inc.

Dear Ms. Zambon:

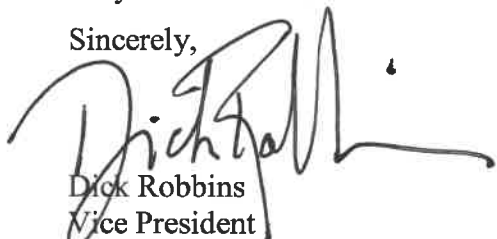
The Moore County Wildlife & Conservation Club, Inc. – a rod & gun club operating in Moore County, since its incorporation in 1961 – offers its whole-hearted support of the proposal for funding under the North Carolina Attorney General’s 2019 EEG program submitted by the Little Nine Conservancy, Inc. (“LiNC”), a local 501(c)(3) non-profit conservation organization. LiNC will use funds obtained under the EEG program to assist with its purchase of a conservation easement on approximately 100 acres of a 298 acre tract owned by Elks Lodge 1692 at 280 County Club Circle, Southern Pines in Moore County.

The property protected by LiNC’s conservation easement will augment an already robust collection of protected natural, agricultural and recreational land either adjoining or near to LiNC’s project – Aberdeen’s Ray’s Mill Park, the 64 acre historic McDonald Farm, and the Paint Hill Annex to the Weymouth Woods Nature Preserve.

Moore County’s wildlife habitat has steadily and alarmingly dwindled over the last two decades under intense development pressures. This project offers a unique opportunity to involve citizens, student athletes and a widely known public service organization (The Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks) in this unique and exciting conservation opportunity, which has multiple benefits – water quality benefits (by protecting the headwaters of Aberdeen Creek), wildlife habitat benefits (by protecting the woods surrounding the headwaters), historic preservation benefits (by protecting the remaining 8 holes of a Donald Ross golf course built in 1906) and recreational/athletic benefits (because the remaining 8 holes of the golf course serve as the premier high school cross country course in this State).

The Board of Directors of the Moore County Wildlife & Conservation Club, Inc. has unanimously endorsed LiNC’s grant proposal and asked me to send a letter of support, since a family medical situation required our President (Gary Leopper) to be out of the state. Thanks you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Dick Robbins
Vice President

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