

At a meeting of the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors held on May 9, 2017, on a motion by \_\_\_\_\_ and passed \_\_\_\_\_, the Board adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-**

**Authorize the Fredericksburg Regional Alliance (FRA) to Act as the Authorized Agent for a Regional Grant Application and Any Subsequent Award under the FY 2017 Virginia Business Ready Sites Program - Site Development Grant Program for the Orrock-Simms Property**

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia Business Ready Sites Program (VBRSP) was established to identify and assess the readiness of potential industrial or commercial sites in the Commonwealth for marketing for economic development purposes, thereby enhancing the Commonwealth's infrastructure and promoting the Commonwealth's competitive business environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Orrock-Simms property is a 1,100 acre tract that crosses the border between the Counties of Caroline and Spotsylvania at the intersection of I-95 and State Route 606; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fredericksburg Regional Alliance (FRA) is a public/private economic development marketing partnership created to provide CEOs, presidents, corporate real estate executives, and site selection consultants with a single source for comprehensive demographic, economic, and commercial real estate information on the Fredericksburg, Virginia Region, which includes the City of Fredericksburg and the counties of Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania, and Stafford, while also providing a wide range of services designed to facilitate the creation of jobs and capital investment while diversifying the economy and increasing the tax base; and

**WHEREAS**, the FRA, and the Counties of Spotsylvania and Caroline were previously awarded a regional grant under the FY 2017 Virginia Business Ready Sites Program – Site Characterization to assess the Orrock-Simms property; and

**WHEREAS**, the site characterization for this property was evaluated as a tier one indicating that the site is not zoned for commercial or industrial use and has had minimal or no due diligence performed; and

**WHEREAS**, the current FY 2017 Virginia Business Ready Sites Program – Site Development grant opportunity is designed to bring sites to higher levels of development and readiness for marketing and to assist with the costs associated with the development required to increase a site's currently designated tier to the next level; and

**WHEREAS**, the Economic Development Departments from the Counties of Caroline and Spotsylvania would like to partner once again with the FRA to submit a regional grant application for the Orrock-Simms property for the Site Development program; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the grant application would be to request funding to hire a consultant to conduct wetland and stream determination, delineation and report, GPS mapping of the wetlands and streams, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Virginia Department of Environmental Quality field verification; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant application would request \$30,000 with a required local match of \$15,000 each from the Counties of Caroline and Spotsylvania; and

**WHEREAS**, the Spotsylvania County Department of Economic Development and Tourism will provide the local match of \$15,000 through the use of their FY17 Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the FRA will act as the lead applicant in the submission of a grant application for the FY 2017 Virginia Business Ready Site Program - Site Development Grant Program for the Orrock-Simms Property and the FRA will administer any subsequent grant award in accordance with the terms and conditions as set forth in the grant agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors, that the FRA is hereby designated as an authorized agent on behalf of Spotsylvania County for the purpose of the FY 2017 Virginia Business Ready Sites Program - Site Development Grant Program for the Orrock-Simms Property.

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Aimee R. Mann

Deputy Clerk to the Board of Supervisors