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Lisa Warr
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Re: Support for NOAA-NOS-OCM-2015-2004324 submission: "Building Resilience in Gulf Coast Communities through a Whole Community Approach"

Dear Ms. Warr,

The Town of Perdido Beach would like to express its enthusiastic support for the GEOS Institute proposal "Building Resilience in Gulf Coast Communities through a Whole Community Approach" for the NOAA Regional Coastal Resilience Grants Program. Our Town has worked with Weeks Bay NERR and other partners on community resilience efforts. This proposed project will enable us to build on past work under new conditions. As Mayor, I feel the project will benefit our relatively new municipality in Alabama by using locally relevant climate information and tools to enhance our decision-making and to improve resilience. In addition, Perdido Beach will be more resilient by gaining a better understanding of its vulnerability in the face of a dynamic climate.

Our Town will support this important effort in the following ways:

- Providing local data as available and expertise to the research process,
- Being an active participant on a project advisory team,
- Coordinating and providing locations for local meetings and
- Providing input or advice critical to the project.

The activities outlined in this proposal, as well as outputs and outcomes of the project will enable our community to improve their understanding of future conditions in the region, increase the awareness and use of science in decision-making around resilience issues, and help communities better understand risk and identify specific vulnerabilities. We believe the decision-maker engagement framework can help other Gulf of Mexico regions.

I support this worthwhile effort and we look forward to working with the project partners to see the successful completion of this work.

Sincerely,

Patsy W. Parker, Mayor
Town of Perdido Beach, Alabama

cc: Michael Shelton, Coastal Training Program Coordinator
Weeks Bay NERR