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Mr. Tom Gallo
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Dear Mr. Gallo:

On January 12, 2015, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4 expressed its support in a letter to the Reedy River Water Quality Group (RRWQG) commending its initial efforts to engage a broad suite of stakeholders in the development and implementation of a 5R water quality restoration plan for the Reedy River. I am pleased to know that the RRWQG has expanded its list of partners to include approximately 30 organizations from community and conservation groups, cities, counties and universities, as well as, state, regional and federal agencies. The RRWQG participants form nine committees that are responsible for water quality monitoring and modeling, public outreach, best management practice identification and economic impacts analysis for the community and the environment. Each committee addresses necessary components of the 5R approach in developing an implementable water quality restoration plan. I would like to take this opportunity to applaud the public outreach committee and the entire RRWQG for their success in creating an official RRWQG website, www.cleanreedy.org, which serves as a collaborative forum to educate, inform and engage interested stakeholders in the restoration and protection of the Reedy River. The website is a notable achievement for the RRWQG.

As you know, the EPA is interested in the on-the-ground water quality management activities that reduce pollutant loads and contribute in meaningful ways to the Reedy River. I would like to praise the RRWQG for providing prompt status updates on its website regarding the progress of the committees as well as other water quality projects happening in the Reedy River watershed, such as the new pet waste ordinance in Greenville County, the Interagency Partnership for Sustainable Communities in Greenville's west side, the Clean Water Act Section 319 grants and other stormwater management efforts that connect the community to the Reedy River. The dissemination of this information provides the public with a more holistic understanding of the environmental work occurring throughout the Reedy River watershed. It is apparent that the RRWQG understands the importance of leveraging resources from its partners to restore and protect the Reedy River watershed.

On a final note, I would like to thank you for keeping my staff apprised on the RRWQG's progress towards achieving its clear and specific goals. The discussion, action items and recommendations contained in each committee's meeting minutes provides the EPA with the necessary information to

document RRWQG's progress towards developing an implementable 5R water quality restoration plan. I look forward to understanding the water quality effect of the restoration activities in the Reedy River watershed. If you would like to discuss or have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at (404) 562-9345 or a member of my staff, Ms. Jennifer DiMaio, at (404) 562-9268.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James D. Giattina, for". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the last name "Giattina" being the most prominent part.

James D. Giattina
Director
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