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Alana Todd
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4000 Gateway Centre Boulevard, Suite 100
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RE: Tampa Bay Coastal Master Plan – Letter of Support

Dear Ms. Todd,

The City of Crystal River City Council supports the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council's application for federal funding to develop a Coastal Master Plan for the Tampa Bay region. As a coastal community vulnerable to storm surge, the City of Crystal River realizes the importance of developing strategies to minimize the many flood risks to our community. Just this last year the city was largely impacted by the effects of Hurricane Idalia, stressing the importance of fortifying infrastructure and risk messaging our community.

The city recognizes how working with our neighboring counties and municipalities can assist in developing a shared vision, goals, and methodology for the plan's development. The city welcomes the opportunity to be a *partner* in this collaborative effort.

Sincerely,

Joe Meek, Mayor
City of Crystal River

CC: Douglas Baber, City Manager
Michael Manning, Assistant City Manager
Jenette Collins, Growth Management Director