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Richard B. Hughes, Chief
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Maryland Historical Trust
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John Maounis, Superintendent
Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network
Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail
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Dear Messrs. Hughes and Maounis:

I write to you on behalf of the Sassafras River Association in support of Sultana Projects' joint proposal to the Maryland Heritage Authority and Chesapeake Gateways Network for the establishment of the "Chester and Sassafras River Water Trail." The Sassafras River Association is a private, non-profit watershed protection and advocacy organization dedicated to the preservation and sensitive use of the Sassafras River watershed. The Sassafras River Association feels that the concept for a joint water trail on the Chester and Sassafras Rivers that also serves as a component of the National Park Service's larger "Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail" holds great promise for responsible eco and heritage tourism that is compatible with the Sassafras River's tidewater, rural and historic legacies. We look forward to the opportunity to work with Sultana Projects in the development of the Sassafras River portion of the trail.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of Sultana Projects' proposal and please feel free to contact our office should you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Kim Kohl
Executive Director