



September 18, 2009

Matt Menashes
Executive Director
National Estuarine Research Reserve Association
444 N. Capiton St. NW, Suite 322
Washington, D.C 20001

Dear Mr. Menashes:

Seagrass Recovery fully supports the proposal, "A Partnership to Restore Fish Habitats Associated with the National Estuarine Research Reserve System and Associated Restoration Reference Sites". The monitoring, education, training, and protection provided by the NERRS allows for the successful facilitation of restoration projects where seagrass and their surrounding ecosystems are the focal point.

As a seagrass restoration service provider and developer of restoration techniques, Seagrass Recovery is excited by any opportunities to partner with organizations such as the National Estuarine Research Reserve Association. With NERRA's 27 reserves across the Nation, the ability to research and create a greater understanding of the applicability of our restoration techniques in other areas of the country certainly provides a cause for great interest by our company. With over 12 years of testing and independent validation of our successes in Florida, the seagrass restoration techniques currently employed by Seagrass Recovery presents an opportunity for greater amounts of restoration throughout the Nation that will result from research opportunities such as this funding request.

Seagrass Recovery is extremely interested in becoming an engaged partner of NERRA for these restoration projects and as a partner, will provide discounted services and in-kind donations to further the amount of restoration possible through this funding source. Seagrass Recovery also looks to engage the scientific community in fostering a long term working relationship to enable a greater understanding with regards to currently employed sustainable restoration techniques and the development of new seagrass restoration techniques – which is certainly a primary goal of the projects associated with this funding request. In addition to the ecological benefits, the projects associated with this proposal will have a significant positive impact on the currently unemployed workforce in the areas where the projects take place.

As a small business, dedicated to seagrass restoration and meadow creation, Seagrass Recovery is also excited to work with NERRA for the purpose of furthering the understanding and abilities to restore and create seagrass meadows. Working with an organization such as NERRA provides the ability to work with leading members of the scientific community where greater understanding of the underlying causes for seagrass meadow degradation and ultimately restoration is possible. Through their outreach to small businesses, NERRA's request for our inclusion as a partner is proof that their mission to reach out to small businesses to further the cause of restoration and research of the ecosystems present in their reserves is truly an important role of the organization.

In closing, Seagrass Recovery is honored to submit our endorsement of this funding request and pledges our full support and aid in developing the projects that will enact restoration of seagrass meadows.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. Wright", is written over the word "Respectfully,".

Kenneth N. Wright

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