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Athens Land Trust
685 North Pope Street
Athens, GA 30601

Dear Ms. Benham,

I am pleased to submit this letter which indicates my support for the West Broad Rising initiative and specifically the renovation of the West Broad School Campus. I respectfully request that Clarke County School District approve and allow the project to move forward as proposed by Athens Land Trust.

I see the vision and intent of the project - to rehabilitate the West Broad school campus as a cultural heritage site and community resource center - aligning with our organizational objectives and work with the neighborhood and the greater Athens community. I believe that this initiative articulates a strong vision to increase access to much-needed entrepreneurial resources, job readiness training and social opportunities for the local community, especially for youth. Moreover, this project will help restore and celebrate local heritage and history which cultivates community resilience and pride. In addition, this proposal is a critical step to further the West Broad community work that has been ongoing over the last five years.

I appreciate your time in creating this proposal and hope to see it become a reality. I look forward to working with Athens Land Trust as a supporter and future partner of the West Broad Rising initiative.

Sincerely,



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