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Athens Land Trust
685 North Pope Street
Athens, GA 30601

Dear Mrs. Benham,

I am pleased to submit this letter of support for the West Broad Rising initiative and specifically the renovation of the West Broad School Campus. As a native Athenian growing up on the west side and attending Clarke Central High School, I recall when this area of West Broad was busy with activity. I know there is great-potential for this project to be a catalyst that could help revitalize the community. I respectfully request that Clarke County School District approve and allow the project to move forward as proposed by the 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 both of our organization's objectives and work within 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 our youth. This project will also help restore and celebrate local heritage and history which cultivates community resilience and pride and is a critical step to further the West Broad community work that has been going for the past five years.

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

My best,

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