

FLORIDA CENTER *for* ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

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Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative
David Brown, Chairman
210 Military Trail
Jupiter, FL 33458


Dear Mr. Brown:

The Loxahatchee River, located in Palm Beach and Martin Counties, has been impacted by the development and urbanization of the region. Although portions have been designated a "wild and scenic river," its ongoing protection requires attention to sedimentation, salinity, and adequate freshwater flow. Fortunately, there is a strong, focused and dedicated community initiative which supports the restoration of the system.

The Florida Center for Environmental Studies, a statewide center of the university system, is working in the region to provide information about the river and ongoing efforts to protect this vital resource. The Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative is an important component of this effort. By coordinating projects and assembling support from local sponsors and the Florida Legislature, the Initiative has multiplied the resources available for preserving the long-term health of the Loxahatchee. These projects aid and complement the adopted management plan for the river.

The Center wishes to commend the activities of this community initiative, which seeks to preserve and restore this natural resource. The Center supports the Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative in its efforts to protect the river for current residents and future generations, and pledges to be part of the ongoing restoration of this resource.

Sincerely,


Dr. Leonard Berry
Director