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Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative
C/o David Brown, Chairman
Town of Jupiter
210 Military Trail
Jupiter, Florida 33458

Re: Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative Projects

Dear Mr. Brown:

The citizens of Martin County have supported the acquisition of preservation lands through the passage of a one-cent sales tax specifically earmarked for partnering with state and federal agencies for purchase and preservation. As Martin County has a legislative obligation to protect and enhance the environmental condition of the Loxahatchee River under its Comprehensive Growth Management Plan, the Board of County Commissioners has committed approximately 5.4 Million Dollars of sales tax and ad valorem revenue to the purchase of Cypress Creek and Pal-Mar lands. Martin County is, per the Governor's request, partnering with state and federal agencies for purchase and preservation.

In addition to land acquisition, Martin County is committing hundreds of thousands of dollars in match monies to collaborate with state and federal partners for the clean up and restoration of the Loxahatchee River. We are also committed to continue to work with the Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative through the upcoming legislative session to support the dedication and commitment of Martin County and its citizens to these restoration efforts and to help restore the Loxahatchee.

The County appreciates your efforts on behalf of the Loxahatchee River Preservation initiative this past year and heartily endorses the projects being submitted for consideration this legislative session. Martin County looks forward to working with you through these restoration efforts in the coming years.

Sincerely,

Susan L. Valliere
Chairman
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C: The Honorable Members of the Martin County Board of County Commissioners
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