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Urge Gov. Bush to OK Loxahatchee funds

Editor:

Please e-mail Gov. Jeb Bush at jeb.bush@myflorida.com and tell him you support the Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative funding that is in the Florida budget for 2005.

How fortunate we are to be in the budget again this year with 18 Loxahatchee River related projects to be completed with matching funds from local agencies in Palm Beach and Martin County.

(State) senators Ken Pruitt and Jeff Atwater, with (state) representatives Joe Negron and Carl Domino, worked together to make sure the Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative funding is in the 2005 budget.

Please ask Gov. Jeb Bush to sign the bill.

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Loxahatchee River
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Officials ignore concurrency needs

Editor:

As long as our county commissioners keep ignoring concurrency, life in Martin County will continue to deteriorate, as it has in the counties south of us whose residents are coming up here.

If our roads are full (and in a lot of cases they are), then commissioners should say no to new development that will add more cars until funding is in place to expand road capacity. In areas where road capacity cannot be further expanded, the no should be permanent. This principle applies across-the-board to all services in addition to roads — i.e., water, sewer, fire-rescue, police, schools, parks, libraries.

It was recently publicized that St. Lucie County com-

missioners had the political courage to require concurrency and deny a development. This in a county that has heretofore been a poster child for unrestricted residential development!

What do we have to do to get our own commissioners' attention to the absolute necessity for concurrency?

By the way, taxing present citizens to achieve concurrency is the wrong way to go. We now pay far too much for adding infrastructure (and its maintenance).

Impact fees should be increased to cover the funding requirements of concurrency. Incoming residents should bear the burden of the infrastructure costs they create.

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