



**Environmental Confederation  
of Southwest Florida**

Acquisition and Restoration Council Public Hearing  
2025 Cycle 1 Florida Forever Proposals  
March 11, 2025

Good day Mr. Vinson,

The Environmental Confederation of Southwest Florida (ECOSWF) is an umbrella organization for organizations and individuals dedicated to the preservation and conservation of flora, fauna and historic treasures. ECOSWF's members are throughout southwest Florida including Manatee County.

This letter is in SUPPORT of the purchase by fee simple 550 acres identified as Myakka Corridor.

The Myakka River is a valuable treasure for the State of Florida. It also has historical significance for the local Communities of Myakka City (Manatee County) and Old Miakka (Sarasota County). Any opportunity to protect this valuable environmental and historic asset cannot be missed.

Thank you for your support.

Regards,  
Becky Ayech  
President  
ECOSWF