



Environmental Confederation  
of Southwest Florida

Stan Vinson  
ARC/DEP  
Division of State Lands  
3900 Commonwealth Blvd.,  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Mr. Vinson,

The **Environmental Confederation of Southwest Florida (ECOSWF)** is an umbrella environmental organization, consisting of other environmental organizations and individuals from Sarasota, Manatee, Highlands, DeSoto, Charlotte, Collier, and Glades Counties.

ECOSWF supports the acquisition of 880 acres from the Livingston Family to provide a conservation buffer for Highlands Hammock State Park to protect the park from encroaching development.

ECOSWF requests that you forward our letter of support to the Acquisition and Restoration Council (ARC) for approval, and then ultimately to the DEP for consideration. We recognize that the resulting buffer will contribute valuable linkage for ensuring habitat connectivity, promoting biodiversity, and providing suitable habitat for large mammal habitat and expansion.

Sincerely,



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