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**THE GUARDIANS CO-SPONSOR 13TH ANNUAL CITIZENS GROWTH
MANAGEMENT FORUM IN STUART, MARCH 9TH, 2013**

Hobe Sound, Fla. — As part of its ongoing commitment to educating residents about responsible growth issues, The Guardians of Martin County, a non-profit 501(c) 3 entity, is proud to co-sponsor the *Annual Citizens Growth Management Forum* to be held Saturday, March 9th at Blake Library in Stuart. This year's conference is entitled, "*The Old Commission Majority Dug a Big Hole, What Now?*" Speakers include: Martin County Commissioner Sarah Heard - *Being the Commission Chair – Finally*, Maggy Hurchalla - *Comp Plan, Quality of Life, Water Issues*, Charles Pattison of 1000 Friends - *Legislative Update*, Attorney Virginia Sherlock - *Costly County Contracts*, and Greg Braun from The Guardians - *Wetlands are Valuable - Delineated or Not*.

There is no charge for this public event, which runs from 1 to 4pm. Additional forum sponsors include "*1000 Friends of Florida*" and "*Martin County Conservation Alliance*." Please contact Donna Melzer at elzer@gate.net to RSVP.

The Guardians of Martin County is also pleased to announce two new awareness campaigns designed to encourage visits to its newly re-designed website: <http://www.TheGuardiansofMartinCounty.com>. First, The Guardians is underwriting WQCS, 88.9, NPR on The Treasure Coast. Promos about The Guardians can be heard during "*Morning Edition*" from 6:30-9:00am and in the afternoon during, "*All Things Considered*," from 4-7PM. In addition to using radio to capture a new potential audience, The Guardians is using digital advertising for the first time to reach the growing number of online newspaper readers through "*tcpalm.com*." The ads can also be found on our website: <http://theguardiansofmartincounty.com/category/awareness-campaigns/>

ABOUT THE GUARDIANS

The mission of the Guardians of Martin County is to educate residents about environmental issues impacting their quality of life through public awareness campaigns. The Guardians is a non-partisan organization supporting the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan of Martin County. This plan provides a responsible growth approach to focusing future development on the land currently available within the urban services boundary. This includes areas where water, sewer, roads and schools are already in place and paid for by taxpayers. For more information about The Guardians of Martin County, please visit www.TheGuardiansofMartinCounty.com.