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**THE GUARDIANS OF MARTIN COUNTY RELEASE A NEW EDUCATIONAL
VIDEO GUIDE TO THE COMP PLAN**

Hobe Sound, Fla. — The Guardians of Martin County, a non-profit 501(c) 3 entity is pleased to announce the release of a new educational video series explaining “The Martin County Comprehensive Growth Management Plan.” The first episode, “Comp Plan 101” explains the basics of comprehensive planning and the history behind it. The series features interviews with Attorney Richard Grosso; Director of Environmental & Land Use Practice at NOVA Southeastern University, Former Martin County Commissioner Maggy Hurchalla (often referred to as the chief architect of the County’s 1982 Comp plan), Environmentalist Nathaniel Reed and Sewell’s Point Town Commissioner Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch. In 2012, Ms. Hurchalla spearheaded an effort to restore some of the provisions that were removed or weakened in the Comp Plan over the last decade. Ms. Hurchalla discusses the revisions in the series and she explains why they are important to preserving the “Martin County Difference.” Martin County Commissioners approved the amendments in April 2013 and sent them to Tallahassee for review. A final hearing is expected in July 2013.

The series will be released incrementally over the next four weeks with the first episode posted today on the Guardian website: TheGuardiansofMartinCounty.com. Parts 2, 3 & 4 will be released subsequently on June 7th, 14th and 21st. The series goes beyond explaining the basics of the plan. It also delves into how the plan has changed over time, what the proposed amendments mean and why planning for future growth makes good economic and environmental sense. Peter H. Conze, Jr., President of The Guardians of Martin County says, “The release of these videos is the obvious next step for the Guardians to take in fulfilling our mission. As Guardians, we are committed to educating the residents of MC about environmental issues affecting our unique and wonderful quality of life.”

ABOUT THE GUARDIANS

The Guardians of Martin County 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.

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