

The Friends of Jonathan Dickinson State Park, Inc. A Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation

To Whom It May Concern,

The Friends of Jonathan Dickinson State Park, Inc. Board of Directors has unanimously chosen to support the Loxa-Lucie Headwaters Initiative. We stand by local non-profits and municipalities in support of ecological preservation of Martin County.

This project would enhance connectivity and greatly improve the wildlife corridor between Jonathan Dickinson State Park and Atlantic Ridge Preserve State Park. Wildlife corridors are beneficial for the safe passage and genetic diversity of wildlife. Connected wild areas ensure the long-term survival of many protected species such as the Florida Scrub-jay, Bald Eagle, Sandhill Crane, Gopher Tortoise, and Eastern Indigo Snake, all of whom make their homes in Martin County.

Long-term protection projects such as the Loxa-Lucie Headwaters Initiative help prevent habitat fragmentation, often by roads or other development. Creating or restoring wildlife corridors benefits local plant and animal communities by creating opportunities for dispersal, breeding, and population expansion.

We at The Friends of Jonathan Dickinson State Park support Loxa-Lucie Headwaters Initiative, The Guardians of Martin County, The Conservation Fund, and the Treasured Lands Foundations in this project to save these vital lands.

Sincerely, Ivy Almada

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