



The Garden Club of Stuart, Inc.

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The Conservation Fund
Attn: Matt Sexton
18 Middle Road
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Subject: The Loxa-Lucie Headwaters Initiative

To Whom It May Concern,

The mission of The Garden Club of Stuart, Inc. is to further the education of members and the public in the fields of gardening, horticulture, botany, landscape design, conservation of natural resources, civic beautification, public sanitation, and nature studies.

Recently, Executive Director of the Guardians of Martin County, Greg Braun, addressed our club membership about their group's collaboration on the Loxa-Lucie Headwaters Initiative.

The Loxa-Lucie Headwaters Initiative envisions a protected ecological corridor that will connect the sources of the Loxahatchee River and St. Lucie River and form a preserve for plant and wildlife, connecting a land mass of nearly 70,000 acres. This initiative intends to permanently restore historical waterflows and protect existing natural lands in an ecological corridor for native endangered plants and wildlife between two state parks. This vital conservation project offers the opportunity to preserve and protect this precious ecosystem located within our South Martin County community for future generations.

As the mission of The Garden Club of Stuart, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit, is consistent with that of The Loxa-Lucie Headwaters Initiative, our executive board has unanimously agreed to express our support by means of this communication for the ongoing conservation efforts being conducted by The Loxa-Lucie Headwaters Initiative to acquire and restore the acreage envisioned and/or to obtain conservation easements thereon – all necessary to save and protect the headwaters of the St. Lucie and Loxahatchee Rivers.

Enclosed is our donation in the amount of \$500.00 to assist with the Loxa-Lucie Initiative.

Sincerely,

Rosita Aristoff, President
The Garden Club of Stuart, Inc.