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Waste Management Endorses the Loxa-Lucie Headwaters Initiative

Corporate support highlights shared commitment to environmental conservation and watershed restoration

MARTIN COUNTY, Fla. — The Steering Committee for the **Loxa-Lucie Headwaters Initiative** is pleased to announce it has received a formal letter of endorsement from **Waste Management**, marking the Initiative's first corporate endorsement.

With its regional headquarters located on Bridge Road, Waste Management's local administrative staff and employees regularly travel through the heart of the Loxa-Lucie project area. The company's endorsement reflects the strong alignment between the Initiative's mission to protect environmentally sensitive lands, restore natural hydrological connections, and Waste Management's own Environmental Policy.

"Having previously received letters of support from various local governments, environmental organizations, and community groups, it is especially gratifying to receive our first corporate endorsement," said **Greg Braun**, Chair of the Loxa-Lucie Headwaters Initiative. "We appreciate Waste Management's recognition of the importance of preserving this critical ecological corridor for future generations."

The Loxa-Lucie Headwaters Initiative is a collaborative partnership among three nonprofit organizations—the **Guardians of Martin County**, **Treasured Lands Foundation**, and **The Conservation Fund**. The consortium was formed to acquire and permanently conserve privately owned properties from willing sellers within the wildlife and watershed corridor connecting **Jonathan Dickinson State Park** and **Atlantic Ridge Preserve State Park**.

Supported by tax-deductible contributions from individuals and organizations throughout the community, the Initiative has already acquired three strategically located, hydrologically significant properties totaling approximately **180 acres**.

Stewardship efforts are currently underway to control invasive, non-native plants and animals on the conserved lands. Long-term restoration goals include working with Martin County and other governmental partners to improve natural water flow, reduce saltwater intrusion, and enhance water quality within both the **Loxahatchee River Estuary** and the **St. Lucie River Estuary**.

Community members interested in learning more about the Initiative, supporting future land acquisitions through tax-deductible donations, or requesting a presentation are encouraged to visit **LoxaLucieHeadwaters.org**, **Conserving the Loxa-Lucie Headwaters – The Conservation Fund**, or **Contact Us – Loxa-Lucie Headwaters Initiative**.

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