



February 21, 2021

Subject: Loxa-Lucie Headwaters Initiative

To Whom It May Concern,

Audubon of Martin County is pleased to add its voice to the support of the Loxa-Lucie Headwaters conservation initiative. As an organization devoted to birds, the environment, and conservation, we see this initiative as a necessary protection in perpetuity of important wild Florida habitat as a home for birds and other native wildlife.

We appreciate that acquiring land to connect already-existing public lands such as Atlantic Ridge and Jonathan Dickinson State Park makes sense from an environmental perspective, allowing for more ecosystem-wide land management techniques. This will also help protect water quality in Martin County.

This initiative will help preserve the quality of life for the people of Martin County who have chosen not to allow overdevelopment. As such, we believe the Florida Water and Land Conservation Initiative, Amendment 1 passed in 2014, should provide significant funds for the purchase of these lands.

We look forward to following this important initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John A. Nelson", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

John A. Nelson
President

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