

**JUPITER ISLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**  
P. O. Box 1551  
Hobe Sound, Florida 33475

Dear Residents of Jupiter Island:

Last December, based upon the broad-based advocacy of the Guardians of Martin County, the Treasured Lands Foundation, and the Conservation Fund, the JIRA Board wrote a letter to the Guardians expressing its support of the Loxa-Lucie Headwaters Initiative, the project to protect the corridor of undeveloped land along Bridge Road west of Hobe Sound.

Following an update by Greg Braun, Executive Director of the Guardians, the JIRA Board recently reaffirmed its strong support of this important project. The Commissioners of the Town of Jupiter Island have also recorded their support, with an endorsement letter from Mayor Pidot reporting unanimous approval.

Many of you are familiar with this project, and many of you have already contributed to the fundraising campaign, and we are writing to urge all residents to support the project because we believe that it is critical to preserving the natural beauty and quality of life in our community.

- Maintain a connection between Jonathan Dickenson State Park and Atlantic Ridge Preserve State Park for the natural flow of water south to the Everglades.
- Conserve the habitat for native plants and wildlife that forms part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor east of Lake Okeechobee.
- Protect the rural greenway along Bridge Road that is the scenic entrance to the Hobe Sound and Jupiter Island communities.

Phase I of the project is a \$1.5 million campaign to raise funds to acquire a 138-acre tract of land along a 2-mile stretch north of Bridge Road that is currently for sale and at risk for development. Here is a link to more information on the project: <https://theguardiansofmartincounty.com/loxa-lucie-presentation/>

If you would like information on donating to the campaign, please contact Joyce Bullen Gay at 516-817-0125, or [joycebullengay@me.com](mailto:joycebullengay@me.com).

The intensifying pressure for development in Martin County represents a serious threat to our way of life on Jupiter Island. The success of the Loxa-Lucie project would be an important step in preserving the rural character of our community.

Sincerely,

Chris Smith, President

Jay Wilson, Vice President