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Program Administrator
The Office of Environmental Services
Division of State Lands
Department of Environmental Protection
3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Mail Station 140
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000

Re: Florida Forever Application - Little Orange Creek Conservation Corridor

Dear Program Administrator,

This letter pertains to the Florida Forever application for the Little Orange Creek Conservation Corridor project submitted by Putnam Land Conservancy.

Alachua County is willing to accept responsibility for ensuring land management for the Alachua County portions of this project should it be acquired by the State of Florida, and assuming agreement on lease terms from the State of Florida. Regarding the Putnam County Weyerhaeuser parcel, if acquired by the State of Florida, and if it is determined to be legally permissible under local, state, or federal law, Alachua County will support and facilitate land management of the parcel as an addition to the Little Orange Creek Preserve.

Thank you for your consideration,

Mary Alford, Chair, Alachua County Commission

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cc: Board of County Commissioners

Michele L. Lieberman, County Manager

Sylvia Torres, County Attorney