

October 11, 2022

Michele L. Liberman, County Manager 12 SE 1st Street Gainesville, Florida 32601

RE: Land Acquisition Using WSPP Partnership Grant

Michele:

This letter is in regard to the property purchased by the County that was intended to be developed into a Dollar General store. At this time, the Town of Micanopy would like to request to purchase the land, more particularly described in the attached deed, pursuant to Section 125.38, Florida Statutes.

The Town propositions a purchase price of \$170,000. The Town proposes to purchase the land using the Wild Spaces Public Places ("WSPP") matching grant program established by the County in Ordinance 16-06 and in accordance with the Alachua County Board of County Commissioner's action on March 28, 2017, wherein it allocated \$85,000 in matching grant funds to the Town. In accordance with the aforementioned matching grant program, the Town would provide \$85,000 from its statutory formula share of WSPP revenue, and the County would match that amount by providing \$85,000 toward the purchase price from the County's statutory formula share of the WSPP revenue. The Town and the County would each pay its matching share at closing, with the proceeds to be released to the Seller/County upon conveyance of the land to the Town via County Deed.

The Town represents that it will utilize the land as a park by incorporating it into the Town's existing Native American Heritage Preserve, which is adjacent to the land. The Town would agree to incorporate the land into its existing Preserve by a certain date. Additionally, the Town would make it open to the public as a WSPP park in perpetuity.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Sara S. Owen, ICMA-CM Town Administrator

cc: David Forziano, Senior Assistant County Attorney
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