

DATE: April 20, 2026

RE: ERD Recommendation to Accept 1.15-acre donation adjacent to Hobe Sound Scrub Preserve – Ella Development – Louise C. Yeiser – RP#

Carla,

Pursuant to Martin County's Board-Directed Donation Policy (POL37), the Environmental Resource Division of the Public Works Department has completed its evaluation of the two proposed 1.15-acre parcels for donation.

Consistent with Section E of the policy regarding real property donations, which requires departmental review and recommendation prior to Board consideration, our Division has assessed the parcel for its suitability and potential public benefit.

Based on this evaluation, the Environmental Resource Division supports the acceptance of this donation, subject to coordination with the Property Management and Fixed Assets Divisions and final approval by the Board of County Commissioners, as required by County policy.

The parcels present an opportunity consistent with County objectives, including environmental resource protection, open space preservation, and potential water resource benefits. Acceptance of this property would align with the County's broader goals of enhancing natural systems and maintaining the quality of life for residents.

We recommend that this item proceed forward for consideration by the Board of County Commissioners in accordance with established procedures.

Please let me know if any additional information or analysis is needed as part of this process.

Sincerely,  
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