



April 17, 2025

Mr. Don Donaldson
County Administrator
Martin County Administration
2401 SE Monterey Road
Stuart, FL 34996

Dear Mr. Donaldson & Martin County Public Works,

I am writing on behalf of the Loblolly Community to formally request the installation two additional stop signs, creating a four-way stop at the intersection of Gomez Avenue and Hill Terrace in Hobe Sound.

In recent years, this intersection has become increasingly hazardous due to the increased vehicular traffic and, more critically, the excessive speeds at which vehicles are traveling—particularly along the north and southbound lanes of Gomez Avenue, directly in front of our community's dual entrances. With the addition and expansion of the nature trail and bike path, pedestrian activity has also increased.

With the recent approval of the Loblolly North/Preserve POA, and as part of the PUD requirements, there will be a traffic egress from this community both during construction, and in perpetuity. We believe that addressing this issue now is a matter of public safety and proactive risk mitigation. We have witnessed some very close calls prior to these community upgrades. The Loblolly community and its surrounding neighborhoods would benefit greatly from these improvements, and we are confident that this measure would significantly reduce the likelihood of future incidents.

Thank you for your time and commitment to the safety of Martin County residents. Should you require any additional information or community feedback to support this request, we would be happy to assist.

Thank you,

Mike Reilly

General Manager
Loblolly

Michael Galbreath

President
Loblolly Pines POA

Stew McClure

President
Loblolly Bay POA

CC: Commissioner J. Blake Capps, Barry Mawn, Director of Security TJ Riccard