

July 20, 2006

Ms. Ann Bigelow, Director
Nature Operations Division
Gainesville Recreation, Parks & Cultural Affairs Department

Gainesville, FL 32611

Dear Ms. Bigelow:

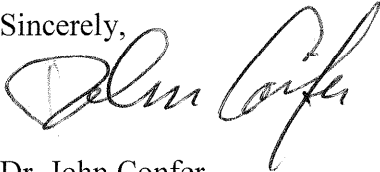
I regret to inform you that effective August 17, 2006 I will be resigning my position as member of the Nature Centers Commission Citizen Advisory Board to the Gainesville Recreation, Parks & Cultural Affairs Department.

I never thought I would ever leave the NCC board, but when the opportunity arose for employment closer to our families in Pennsylvania, we had to take advantage of it. Because this job is out of state I will no longer be able to serve on the NCC. I am willing to continue to provide my expertise especially on natural resource recreation issues.

I cannot say enough wonderful things about NCC, about all the people I've encountered in my years of service with the Board, and especially about you, Mr. Phillips and all the others on the NCC. Your leadership has taken us to new levels, and I have appreciated serving with you. It's my hope that we will stay in touch as I begin this new chapter in my life.

If you have any questions, please ask. Thanks again for everything.

Sincerely,



Dr. John Confer

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