Florida Renewable RC&D Council, Inc.

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July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan City of Gainesville City Hall 200 E. University Ave. Gainesville, FL 32601 OITY GOWNISSION

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Dear Mayor Hanrahan:

The FL Renewable Resource Conservation and Development Council has been in existence as an RC&D Council for two years and wishes to, through its "Speakers' Bureau," bring an overview to each of the five counties and two large cities in its assigned area. The USDA's NRCS over-sees the State Association of Councils and ours is the only Council of 12 in the state that has focused on renewable energy policy, programs and projects.

There are over 380 RC&D Councils in the country, Mayor Hanrahan, the first having begun in 1964. We are therefore part of a long tradition. The Council's overview is meant to help the City Commission see how seriously we take our mission which is "...to represent the practical solutions to serve the energy needs of our fellow citizens through renewable alternatives in balancing creation's care."

We therefore request 20 minutes to present our overview and request that an "action item" be considered on August 13<sup>th</sup> or August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Mark Van Soestbergen, a Council Voting member, will be making the presentation to you.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Tom Cunilio, Coordinator

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