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Please Respond to:

Division of Forestry  
1600 NE 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave  
Gainesville, FL 32609

July 10, 2005

David L. Flaherty  
Director Recreation and Parks  
PO Box 490  
Gainesville, FL 32602

Dear David:

I'm writing to confirm our recent discussions and formally request that we exchange our property and buildings at 1600 NE23rd Ave and the City of Gainesville's property on SR 121 near Wacahoota Road. Two years ago we had drafted up an exchange agreement that both the City of Gainesville and the Division of Forestry had reviewed by its legal staffs. The Governor vetoed the funding for our new office and the agreement was not signed. We have gotten funding approved and we are ready to proceed with working out an agreement with the City.

Since the previous agreement we have made several improvements to our site; new roof on the office, converted the tool room into two offices, replaced the outside AC unit last month, carpeted the mobile office, rocked the parking lot in the back, and sealed the paved parking lot. The City has added an archery range to portions of its property and added a rocked entrance.

Both parties agreed previously that the exchange would be dollar for dollar and no money would exchange hands. An appraisal was done at that time and you would like to update the appraisals at this time.

We have an interest in using about 5 acres for an office site with maintenance shop and equipment storage for firefighting equipment. The rest of the property would be used for hiking trails and outdoor recreation and exhibits. We will have a natural resource recreation coordinator located on the property and he would be happy to offer his expertise to you for developing trails on the Cities property. We could also tie our trails and trail head into any of the cities trail system on the property. We would also add a presence to the site and try to help with security to your property.

If you should have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact me at (352) 955-6270 or [www.westd@doacs.state.fl.us](mailto:www.westd@doacs.state.fl.us).

Sincerely Yours,

Don West  
Forestry Center Manager



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