

[COUNTY LETTERHEAD]

November 18, 2025

The Honorable Ben Albritton, President  
The Florida Senate  
404 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

The Honorable Daniel Perez, Speaker  
The Florida House of Representatives  
402 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Re: Indian River County's Support for The Nature Conservancy Runoff to Resilience Pilot Project

Dear President Albritton and Speaker Perez:

On behalf of the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners, I am writing to express our support for The Nature Conservancy's *Runoff to Resilience* Pilot Project. We respectfully urge your support for the requested legislative appropriation to begin this groundbreaking work.

Siting the project within the Indian River Lagoon watershed is both fitting and strategic. As one of Florida's most significant yet impaired water bodies, the Lagoon presents an ideal setting to pilot innovative solutions with far-reaching benefits. While the Lagoon is critically important to our region, given it provides an estimated annual economic value of \$28.3 billion, the outcomes of this project have the potential to inform and improve stormwater management practices across the entire state.

The *Runoff to Resilience* Pilot Project will demonstrate scalable science-based approaches to reducing nutrient runoff, improving water quality, mitigating flood risks, and supporting economic resilience. It exemplifies the kind of forward-thinking investment that aligns with Florida's priorities for innovative technologies and solutions that support water quality initiatives, operational efficiency, and overall performance.

We are proud to partner with The Nature Conservancy and fully support state funding for this effort. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Chairman

Indian River County Commission