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Indian River County Board of Commissioners
1801 27th Street
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Dear Commissioners:

The Friends of St. Sebastian River fully supports the Pelican Island Audubon Society's initiative to plant two native gardens at the entrance to the Indian River County Administration Building A, to demonstrate to the public the beauty and value of native plants in our environment, as a model for everyone's public and private spaces.

We consider one of the largest parts of our mission is educating the public about issues having to do with the health of our environment throughout the watershed of the St. Sebastian River. This includes helping everyone understand the beauty of our natural environment and the benefits of using native plants in their gardening, or restoring natural habitat that requires less cultivation and use of chemicals that ultimately impact our waterways and the Indian River Lagoon.

We thank you for your consideration of this project by Pelican Island Audubon to help support efforts in improving everyone's appreciation for the use of native plants in our environment.

Sincerely,

Tim Glover, President
Friends of St. Sebastian River

