



November 1, 2018

**TO:** Mayor Teresa Jacobs  
-AND-  
Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** Ajit M. Lalchandani, County Administrator *AL*

**SUBJECT:** Open Discussion  
**DISCUSSION AGENDA ITEM NOVEMBER 13, 2018**

The following item has been submitted for open discussion at the November 13, 2018 Board meeting:

- District 3 – Harrod Property

The memo related to this item is attached.

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Attachment



To: Mayor Teresa Jacobs

From: Commissioner Pete Clarke, District 3

Date: October 24, 2018

Subject: **Open Discussion: November 13, 2018**

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I would like to discuss the property, currently owned by Mr. Wayne Harrod. The property is located in the northeast portion of Orange County just south of the Seminole County border, east of Rocking Horse Rd., west of Rouse Rd., and south of McCulloch Rd.

The site is located within the County's Econlockhatchee River Protection Area. The natural communities that exist on the site are forested uplands (18 acres) and 13 acres of wetlands communities. The wetland systems on the property consists of an isolated freshwater marsh and forested wetland system associated with the river. The property is relatively free of invasive species and also contains the historic remnants of the Old Iron Bridge pilings.

There have been differing levels of discussion regarding the ability for Orange County to acquire this property, over the past two years. During our discussion in February two major items surfaced requiring our attention:

1. Legislative support
2. Appraisals

Both issues have been addressed, attached are the statements of support received from State House and Senate members. In addition, current appraisals have been obtained.

Thank you in advance, for your consideration of this request regarding the possible collaboration(s) to preserve this environmentally sensitive area.

Cc: Board of County Commissioners  
Ajit Lalchandani, County Administrator

**From:** "Cortes, Bob" <[Bob.Cortes@myfloridahouse.gov](mailto:Bob.Cortes@myfloridahouse.gov)>  
**Date:** October 18, 2018 at 10:14:32 AM EDT  
**To:** "Clarke, Pete (Commissioner)" <[Peter.Clarke@ocfl.net](mailto:Peter.Clarke@ocfl.net)>  
**Subject:** Letter

Commissioner Clarke,

This letter will confirm my commitment to serve as a member sponsor for the appropriation in the Florida House/Senate to jointly fund the acquisition of the 30.4 acre historical Little Econ River property in Orange County provided Orange County approves an equal share of the acquisition cost based on current appraisals. It is my intention to file this for the 2019 legislative session.

Thank you

Rep. Bob Cortes



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**SENATOR TRAVIS HUTSON**

7th District

October 17, 2018

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Travis Hutson".

Travis Hutson  
Florida Senator, 7th District

**REPLY TO:**

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