

# FLORIDA CHAPTER THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY



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Mr. John E. Corbally, Chairman of the Board  
MacArthur Foundation  
140 S. Dearborn Street, Suite 1100  
Chicago, IL 60603-5285

Dear Mr. Corbally:

It has come to our attention that the MacArthur Foundation is offering to sell some tracts of land in the Florida counties of Palm Beach, Martin, and St. Lucie. These tracts are familiar to our Society because of their conservation value. This letter requests the MacArthur Foundation to undertake every effort to negotiate preferentially with buyers who could incorporate these lands into Floridags conservation matrix.

MacArthur Foundation lands in the tri-county area represent some of the most valuable conservation areas on Floridags lower east coast. These lands are adjacent to several unconnected conservation holdings and could serve as corridors, buffers, and conservation areas in their own right. We applaud your recent land sales to the South Florida Water Management District and hope you can continue to help conserve land in Florida.

The Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society thanks the MacArthur Foundation for your long-standing and outstanding work in conserving the Earths resources. We hope that through careful effort, you can sell your Florida land holdings to sustain your other programs, and do so in a manner that enhances the protection of Floridags environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie A. Hovis".

Julie A. Hovis  
President

cc: Paul Gray, Conservation Chair