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William C. Saffold  
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Palmetto, FL 34221

**SUBJECT:** Designation of the Little Manatee River as part of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System

Dear Mr. Saffold,

As you're no doubt aware the Little Manatee River, with its rare ecosystems and pristine wetlands, is one of the most beautiful natural areas of a county full of scenic treasures. The river has been designated an Outstanding Florida Water, a special area with the most stringent restrictions in place to protect water quality.

I am writing to make you aware of a proposed action of the Manatee Board of County Commissioners currently scheduled for the Commission's regular meeting on August 20. During that meeting the Board will consider adopting a resolution (attached) in support of federal designation of the Little Manatee River as part of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System. Such a designation will promote public as well as federal, state and local government participation in developing a comprehensive plan to identify and protect scenic, recreational, wildlife and habitat, cultural, and water quality and quantity values and other benefits.

The Manatee County Attorney's Office has opined that there will be no direct effect on adjacent properties such as yours that result from the designation as a Wild and Scenic River. Also attached to this letter is the full opinion of the Attorney's Office regarding the proposed resolution.

Your comments are welcome in advance of the meeting by email if you would like to reach me directly at [cheri.coryea@mymanatee.org](mailto:cheri.coryea@mymanatee.org). Of course you are also welcome to deliver your remarks in person to the County Commission during the day of the meeting. The resolution is scheduled for a 10 a.m. time-certain discussion as part of a County Commission meeting. The begins at 9 a.m. in the Honorable Patricia M. Glass Chambers located on the first floor of Manatee County Government Administrative Center, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton.

If you have questions about the designation itself, please reach Manatee County Environmental Protection Manager Rob Brown at [Rob.brown@mymanatee.org](mailto:Rob.brown@mymanatee.org) or by phone at (941) 742-5980.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cheri R. Coryea". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "C".

Cheri Coryea  
Manatee County Administrator

cc: Manatee County Commissioners  
Charlie Hunsicker, Parks and Natural Resources Director  
Robert Brown, Environmental Protection Manager