

March 7, 2019

Board of County Commissioners  
1112 Manatee Ave. West  
Bradenton, FL 34205

Dear Commissioner Johnson:

The Environmental Lands Management and Acquisition Committee (ELMAC) requests that the Board of County Commissioners contact the Trust for Public Lands for guidance in how Manatee County might secure funding to purchase additional undeveloped land.

As our population expands, it is vital for us to preserve environmentally sensitive lands and green spaces both for our water quality and for the enjoyment of our citizens. The TPL has expertise that can be invaluable to Manatee County's efforts to develop and sustain reliable funding sources for land conservation. Let's take advantage of their experience and technical knowledge.

Thank you.

Yours respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William B. Webster", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

William B. Webster  
Chairman  
ELMAC