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Conservation Collier Coordinator
Parks and Recreation Division
33300 Santa Barbara Blvd.
Naples, FL 34116

Dear Summer,

South Florida Wildlands Association (SFWA) is pleased to make this \$6,000 donation to Conservation Collier to go toward the purchase of a 19.4-acre property adjacent to the Rivers Road Preserve. The Parcel No. is 00217520001 and the address is:

RIVER RD 19 LAND TRUST
1901 IMPERIAL GOLF COURSE BLVD
NAPLES, FL 34110

We believe this acquisition by Conservation Collier will contribute to the conservation of habitat for rare species of plants and wildlife native in Southwest Florida, as well as to water resources and public recreation in the region.

While the donation is drawn from the account of South Florida Wildlands Association, the source of these funds are wedding gifts donated to SFWA by Alex Rubinsteyn and Geddes Levenson for the purpose of protecting wildlife habitat in South Florida. Their statement regarding this donation can be read below:

Alex and I both love the Everglades and surrounding Florida wilderness. As anyone who has visited can attest, it is a uniquely magical place, unlike anywhere else in the world. It is also a uniquely vulnerable habitat, especially as sea levels rise and development boundaries encroach on wild spaces.

When we got married, instead of wedding gifts we asked our friends and family to donate towards buying a tract of land to preserve for wilderness. We wanted to get everyone excited about the idea of saying this swath of land is not for us – it is for wildlife and for imperiled wildlife habitats.

We're very excited to see this come to fruition and are grateful to the South Florida Wildlands Association, Conservation Collier, and the Popp Family for helping make this happen.

*Geddes Levenson and Alex Rubinsteyn
507 Everett Place
Durham, NC 27701*

We look forward to the successful completion of this purchase and hope to provide additional assistance to Conservation Collier for important land purchases in the future.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Schwartz', with a stylized, cursive script.

Matthew Schwartz
Executive Director
South Florida Wildlands Association