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Herschel T. Vinyard Jr.  
Secretary  
Florida Department of Environmental Resources  
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard  
M.S. 49  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Secretary Vinyard:

The Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society strongly supports and endorses the City of Sanibel's application to fund a City of Sanibel project to improve water quality in and around Sanibel Island. The mission of the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society is to promote interest in wildlife on Sanibel and Captiva Islands, fostering the cause of conservation with emphasis on birds and their habitat. Sanibel's reputation and international appeal stem from its commitment to its natural environment and native habitat. Sanibel is vigilant in the protection and enhancement of its sanctuary characteristics.

The Sanibel project will remove excess nutrients and pollutants from the waterways and will improve the water quality in the area. Sanibel's reputation as a pristine natural community rests on its active efforts to improve its native habitat. The objective of this project is to enhance the water quality of Sanibel's surrounding waters, including Pine Island Sound, Sanibel's Clam Bayou, San Carlos Bay, and lower Charlotte Harbor, which are located within the Caloosahatchee River watershed.

We have a strong partnership with the City of Sanibel and we can assure you that we will work well together to maximize your investment in our community. Thank you for giving full consideration to this request.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Jim Griffith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jim Griffith, President  
Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society