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Mayor Walter Green
City of Dunnellon
20750 River Drive
Dunnellon, FL 33431

Mayor Green:

Thank you for the letter regarding the future management of Blue Run of Dunnellon Park and the explanation of the Council's position.

Marion County is also committed to operating the park as one of our community's prized parks. As we continue to take advantage of our growing ecotourism market, Blue Run of Dunnellon Park plays an essential part in our plan to provide visitors with exceptional access to our public lands, the Rainbow River, and the statewide regional trail system. The partnership between Marion County, the City and Rainbow River Conservation, Inc. has helped make this park a success and going forward we can ensure you that we aim to only make it better for everyone to enjoy.

We understand the City's priorities and appreciate your focus on providing the necessary infrastructure for Dunnellon. Marion County is prepared to support the City's goals by assuming full ownership and management responsibilities of the park, including capital construction, operating costs (including water and wastewater) and staffing. As part of this process, there are multiple documents that we will need to work through together, including coordination with the Florida Communities Trust.

In order to regain momentum and construct a restroom at the park, we would like to encourage action on transferring ownership and amending documents in the immediate future.

Respectfully,

Michelle Stone, Chairman

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