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**BUCKINGHAM CONSERVANCY, INC.** 

A Florida Non-Profit Corporation 4931 Shady River Lane, Fort Myers, Florida 33905

June 24, 2004

Mr. Paul O'Connor, Director Lee County Division of Planning PO Box 398 Ft. Myers, FL 33902

Re: Buckingham Comprehensive Plan Amendment

Dear Paul:

As you know, 15 years ago our the Buckingham Community requested and with Lee County's support the current Lee County Comprehensive Plan Buckingham Rural Community Preserve was adopted to protect our community's rural heritage and lifestyle.

For 15 years this Plan has provided our Community this rural vision and continuity. A new Buckingham single family subdivision, Horse Creek, has experienced very successful pre-sales complying with the main component of the Plan, minimum 1 acre lots.

The few items requiring Plan Amendments, such as the emergency provision of sewer and water to public owned facilities with failing private utility systems were addressed to everyone's satisfaction in a timely manner.

We believe the Plan is working well and is providing the vision and continuity the Community intended.

We therefore oppose the proposed Lee County Comprehensive Plan amendment to Policy 17.1.3, which would allow small lots within the Buckingham Rural Community Preserve, being requested by a potential purchaser and developer.

The Buckingham Conservancy appreciates Lee County's continued support of our vision for the Buckingham Rural Community Preserve.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Buckingham Conservancy

Chris Bundschu, President

cc Lee County Commissioners

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