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Dear Friends of Recreation and Parks,

We would like to take this opportunity to provide an update on the efforts to meet the recreational needs of the Winfield Recreation Council and its many youth sports programs.

As you are aware, consideration was given to developing a practice area on a County owned parcel of land located on Streaker Road. Several public meetings were held to discuss that proposal. We would like to inform you that this surplus land is no longer being considered for this use and will be made available for public sale in the coming months.

Nonetheless, the Board of County Commissioners agreed with the community's recognized need for more recreational facilities in the Winfield area. Therefore, the County Commissioners have authorized the purchase of 9.16 acres on Salem Bottom Road directly opposite Winfield Elementary School to be used as a park site to help address this need.

We believe this property is better suited for athletic fields, has better road access and less impact on the surrounding neighborhood than the Streaker Road site. The close proximity to the school provides for additional benefits as well.

As was true with the Streaker Road site, the recreation council will need to raise funds to help make this project a reality in the foreseeable future. The purpose of this letter is to both inform you of this acquisition and promote the opportunity for community residents to help encourage donations towards this exciting new project through the Park Legacy Fund (brochure enclosed).

We would like to thank you for your participation and patience throughout this process. Please do not hesitate to contact our office if you have any questions regarding this issue or the Park Legacy Fund.

Sincerely,

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Jeff R. Degitz

Enclosure

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