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The Honorable John W. Holic
Mayor of Venice
401 W. Venice Avenue
Venice, FL 34285-2006

RE: Stormwater Pond; FPID 198017-6-52-01 US 41 ByPass
Request for Landscaping for Stormwater Pond

Dear Mayor Holic:

This letter is written in response to your October 4, 2016 letter requesting the department to consider landscaping opportunities in the 'stormwater management pond' located near the US 41 ByPass (as part of FPID 198017-6-52-01).

We are currently evaluating the potential landscape opportunities for the Stormwater Pond. Initial evaluation has indicated there are potential landscape opportunities at two (2) of the four (4) corners of the stormwater pond (see attached Diagram). The corners that appear to be open for landscape opportunities would be the "South & East" corners of the pond. The other two (2) corners are required to be open for the purposes of maintenance of the pond. A maintenance agreement would be required should the City of Venice desire to pursue landscaping at the two (2) corners.

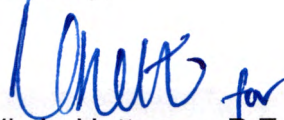
Staff has also evaluated the opportunity for landscaping (and/or littoral plantings) within the pond itself. The pond will be lined with a 30 mill liner underneath the entire perimeter including the 15 ft. maintenance berm. There is no opportunity for plantings within the pond itself as the liner will not allow natural growth of any planted trees and/or vegetation.

Landscaping can be installed by the City of Venice along the S/W boundary of the pond. This would offer a landscape buffer for the edge of the pond. The City of Venice can pursue grant funds through the Florida Highway Beautification Grant.

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If you should have any questions regarding the evaluation of your request and/or interested in pursuing this grant, please contact our District Landscape Architect, Mr. Darryl Richard at (863) 519-2266.

Sincerely,



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District Secretary

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DIAGRAM

(Based on excerpt from Project Plan Sheet I03; FPID 198017-6-52-01)

