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Mayor and Members of the City Council:

In 2013, the staff proposed and the Council approved an initiative to create a Master Parks Plan for Venice. Having understood that the County was also discussing a similar process, our staff contacted members of the County administration to determine if they would be interested in a joint venture to create a multi-jurisdictional plan. The County staff was receptive and subsequently, the County expanded the concept to explore creation of a county-wide Master Parks Plan.

In February, 2014, the County Administrator solicited interest among Sarasota County communities to participate in the development of a Master Parks Plan. Attached is a proposed *Letter of Understanding* soliciting the City's engagement in a Master Parks Plan Project. The document was developed by County staff and reviewed by Venice staff. The agreement initiates the creation of a Master Parks Plan through a nine-step process articulated on page 1. Staff recommends approval and execution of the document.

Respectfully,

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