



# ARCH CREEK TRUST

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1855 N. E. 135th Street  
North Miami, Florida 33181

October 3, 1991

Board of County Commissioners  
Metropolitan Dade County  
111 N.W. 1st Street  
Miami, FL 33128

Re: E.E.L. Land Acquisition

Dear Commissioners:

The tract north of Arch Creek Park was cleared of most of its trees in 1980 in preparation for commercial development. The remaining plants scattered over the tract are live oak, cabbage palm, gumbo limbo, mahogany, gama grass, wild grape, beautybush, wild coffee, native poinsettia and native Indian corn. It is also home to some native coontie, hercules club and both white and Spanish stopper.

The animal population includes opossum, raccoon, grey squirrel and a few red fox. Birds include many native and transient species. There are also snakes, turtles and tortoise.

The acquisition of this site would provide an additional entrance to Arch Creek Park from Biscayne Boulevard and space to expand the learning area for Dade's school children and the general public.

Maintenance can be handled by present park personnel. Planting and rehabilitation of the site could be provided by the Arch Creek Trust members; \$10,000.00 has already been set aside for improvement of the site by the Arch Creek Trust.

We urge your consideration of this site before it is lost to commercial development. The present owner is agreeable to county acquisition of this tract.

Very truly yours,

ARCH CREEK TRUST, INC.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Elmore Kerkela  
Vice President

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