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Florida Trust for Historic Preservation

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RE: The Military Trail

Gentlemen:

Our organization, Arch Creek Trust, was formed to preserve protect and defend the natural fauna and archaeological artifacts of the Arch Creek Area in Dade County.

About three months ago, we learned that the city of North Miami Beach was giving permission to stores and restaurants to park on the Old Dixie Highway because of the widening of Biscayne Blvd. We protested, explaining the historical importance of the road. They said that they would have the road surveyed and would get back to us.

They now admit that they have given permission for the building of stores on the north end of The Military Trail, wiping out the intersection at N.E. 139 St. at Biscayne Blvd. The present occupant, Rose's Used Car Sales, has been given permission to remain on that site for two more years. This stretch of The Military Trail is the only remaining section of the historic road built by Abner Doubleday and used during the Seminole Wars. Is there anything that can be done to prevent the destruction of this part of our history?

Your early reply would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Arch Creek Trust, Inc.

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President