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September 14, 2012

The Honorable Shirley Groover Bryant
Mayor, City of Palmetto
516 8th Ave West
Palmetto, FL 34221

Dear Mayor Bryant:

Thank you for your attendance at our Board of County Commission meeting on September 11, 2012 and your comments regarding the proposed plan for constructing three Little League fields and associated infrastructure on the Blackstone Park property. As you discussed at that meeting, the City of Palmetto has \$800,000 of the proceeds from the property sale of the old Little League site set aside to aid in construction costs.

Please accept this request for the City of Palmetto staff to work with County staff in the development of an interlocal funding agreement to convey those proceeds to Manatee County as we work on the final design and subsequent construction of this park.

As discussed at the meeting, the conceptual drawings and associated documents anticipate a cost of \$3.3 million and a timeline of 22 months for the design, mitigation and construction of these fields. Staff will work diligently to find opportunities to lessen that cost and shorten that time frame, while maintaining realistic expectations for our community.

We appreciate the partnership with the City and look forward to a wonderful ribbon cutting ceremony at the opening of this long awaited complex.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

JOHN R. CHAPPIE
Chairman

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Ed Hunzeker, County Administrator

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