



## South Miami-Dade Watershed Plan Advisory Committee

July 25, 2006

Mark Lewis, Superintendent, Biscayne National Park  
9700 SW 328 Street  
Homestead, Florida 33033

Dear Superintendent <sup>Mark</sup> Lewis:

As you know, many of your fellow members on the South Dade Watershed Plan Advisory Committee have begun to crystallize their concerns and issues relating to the preferred land use scenario. During the course of our discussions, we have often confronted the question of what specific lands are recommended to protect Biscayne National Park. Indeed, identification of lands essential for protecting Biscayne National Park is one the four major objectives of the South Dade Watershed Plan, as stated in Land Use Policy 3E of Miami-Dade County's Comprehensive Development Master Plan.

We are now at the point in our deliberations where, in order to complete this critically important project that we embarked on five years ago, it is important that we articulate all of the needs including land needed to protect the health of the Park. For successful completion and implementation of the South Dade Watershed Plan, this information is vital. Based on your professional judgment as Superintendent of this Park, please provide your specific recommendation regarding the areas that are required for protecting Biscayne National Park. With your input, I believe that the extraordinary efforts of our diverse multi-stakeholder group will lead to a sustainable future for the South Dade community. Thank you for your invaluable assistance.

Sincerely,

Roger M. Carlton  
Chairperson