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**Florida Fish  
and Wildlife  
Conservation  
Commission**

Mr. Tony Park, Director Public Works  
Leon County Public Works  
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Dear Mr. Park:

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Thank you for the opportunity to meet with you and other Leon County staff on Friday, April 11, 2008 to discuss issues related to funding for Lake Munson. Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) staff conducts freshwater aquatic habitat enhancement projects across the state, specifically to benefit fish and wildlife populations. FWC staff has supported your efforts to improve the Lake Munson watershed and will continue to provide input on how best to improve aquatic habitat.

As discussed at the meeting, there are still issues, including water quality problems, which currently impact the lake. These issues need to be addressed before any attempts to produce meaningful, long term changes in aquatic habitat can be successful. For that reason, funding from FWC is premature at this time. The multiplicity of issues impacting Lake Munson dictates a multi-agency approach. It is our understanding that Dr. William Landing, Chair of Leon County's Scientific Advisory Committee, has offered to help form and coordinate a restoration team. We concur and feel that members should include representatives from Leon County, City of Tallahassee, Department of Environmental Protection, Northwest Florida Water Management District, U.S. Forest Service, Florida State University, Florida A&M University, Ochlockonee River Soil and Water Conservation District and FWC.

FWC staff will continue to support efforts to improve the aquatic habitat in this degraded lake, as well as other lakes statewide. If you would like to further discuss Lake Munson or discuss our efforts on other local lakes, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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