

ITEM #30-A
(Letter sent to all Commissioners)

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL
Public Hearing

MARCH 3, 2026

SUBMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF
COMMISSIONER NAN H. RICH



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February 27, 2026

SENT VIA CERTIFIED AND EMAIL

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RE: *Broward County Land Use Plan Amendment PCNRM 24-3*
Amendment to Environmentally Sensitive Lands Map of a Natural Resource Map Series
March 3, 2026; Agenda Item 30

Dear Commissioners:

I represent Dania Beach Vervet Project Inc. (Vervet Project), who oppose the amendment to the Environmentally Sensitive Lands (ESL) Map. The proposed amendment would remove a portion of Site Number 97 which is approximately 3.5 acres and located east of Northeast 7th Avenue, and south of Eller Drive in the City of Dania Beach.

Dr. Missy Williams operates the Vervet Project, which is a sanctuary for vervet monkeys on leased land near the subject 3.5-acre parcel. This parcel is part of a larger 21-acre ESL protected area of mangrove wetlands. The construction of a commercial warehouse by the applicant Port 1850, LLC would negatively affect the wetlands viability, and this would in turn adversely affect the vervet monkey's sanctuary. The subject environmentally sensitive land has been designated on the ESL map since 1989. Planning counsel staff has recommended denial of the amendment due to concerns regarding sea level rise, stormwater management, and the protection of natural resources including wetlands and mangroves. The City of Dania Beach passed a resolution on October 28, 2025 opposing the amendment, in recognition of the importance of the mangroves and wetlands. On behalf of the Vervet Project and Dr. Missy Williams, I urge you to deny the amendment, and to preserve this unique, valuable mangrove habitat, which is essential to the County, and to the vervet monkey habitat. I fully expect there will be sufficient testimony and

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evidence presented at the meeting to support a decision of denial.

Sincerely,

John M. Jorgensen

JMJ:msb

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