



<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> (List in order as attached) Copy of check from BFI Letter dated 4/20/98	<b>INSTRUCTIONS TO BOARD RECORDS:</b>
<b>COST:</b> \$6,700	<b>SOURCE (ACCT# &amp; NAME):</b> 303-6006900-369000-6006900-8080
<b>COMMENTS:</b> N/A	<b>AMT./FREQ. OF RECURRING COSTS (ATTACH FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT):</b> None

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**  
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- Manatee County has been working with Browning Ferris Industries of North America over the past 18 months to create a corporate sponsorship opportunity at Emerson Point Park.
- Recently, Browning Ferris agreed to provide a significant donation towards the construction of the entry gate and park entrance signage, with a cash donation of \$6,700 towards construction (see attached memo dated 4/20/98).
- Board action is requested to recognize and accept the cash donation. A small plaque will be placed near the entrance of the park to recognize this donation.

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P.O. BOX 3151 HOUSTON, TEXAS 77253

PA: SIX THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND NO/100  
DOLLARS

DATE	AMOUNT
04/22/98	0000006,700.00

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1112 MANATEE AVENUE WEST  
BRADFORD FL 34205

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INVOICE NO.	DATE	VOUCHER	GROSS AMOUNT	DISCOUNT	NET AMOUNT
042098	04/20/98	291595	6,700.00		6,700.00

CHECK NO.	DATE	VENDOR NO.	VENDOR NAME	TOTAL AMOUNT
09- 9865352	04/22/98	096595868	MANATEE CNTY BOARD OF COMM	6,700.00



# MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

PLANNING DEPARTMENT  
"TO SERVE WITH EXCELLENCE"

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April 20, 1998

Ms. Rose Quin-Bare  
District Vice President  
BFI Waste Systems of North America, Inc.  
Palmetto, Florida 34221

Dear Ms. Quin-Bare:

Manatee County continues to work to upgrade Emerson Point Conservation Park and is most grateful for the contributions Browning-Ferris Waste Systems of North America, Inc. (BFI), have made to this effort.

As we have discussed, BFI has agreed this year to support material and labor charges in the amount of \$6,700.00 toward construction of an entrance marker and gate system for the park. Improvements at the newly paved entrance consist of a 7' x 20' limestone and concrete block sign foundation, supporting an artistic rendering of Emerson Point environmental attributes, engraved into stucco for long-term durability. The entrance sign and traffic island on which the sign is placed is guarded by timber traffic posts (bollards) which work in concert with a set of hinged gates to control traffic entering and exiting the park.

Construction costs for access control at the entrance, consisting of timber traffic control posts (\$4,800.00), entrance sign (\$5,800.00), timber swing gates (estimated at \$2,800.00) will exceed the amount requested from BFI, with the balance being paid out of Manatee County funds. Your generous support this year has allowed the County to provide a safe and secure park entrance, worthy of national park scale attributes which are found within.

As you know, this County-maintained park is still in the early development stages, receiving cash grants and contributions for environmental restoration, public access boardwalks and interpretative signage for Native American Indian and Florida pioneer historic areas from agencies as diverse as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Department of State - Division of Historic Resources, Southwest Florida Water Management District, Tampa Bay National Estuary Program, Sierra Club and the Manatee County School Board, along with in-kind labor and material from many other non-profit and local school groups. Now, BFI will join this group as a founding corporate member and be recognized as such in permanent park signage recognizing all contributors.

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In keeping with our desire to recognize public/private contributions which allow construction of park improvements, BFI's donation will also be recognized with signage placed at the entrance monument and gate, which is viewed by all visitors to the park, numbering in excess of 300 visitors per day. Visitation is expected to increase as major improvements such as restrooms, picnic shelter, interpretive kiosks and additional all-weather trails are added over the next two to three years.

The number of visitors to Emerson Point Park increases each week, despite the lack of a formal public park dedication or opening. In fact, the park has had only two official events since acquired in 1993, both sponsored by the Manatee-Sarasota Sierra Club as part of their "March For Parks" Earth Day festivities. Last year's event raised \$1,800.00 for the park, with a second event scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 1998, featuring canoe/kayak demonstrations, hiking/bicycling tours, vendors, exhibits and a public safety "K-9" demonstration. Manatee County Commission Chairman Pat Glass will officiate at a ribbon cutting ceremony at 12:15 p.m. on that day to dedicate a canoe/hiking trail and footbridge recently completed by the County. I would like Commissioner Glass to recognize some of the contributing organizations - including BFI - at the ceremony and hope that you and Rosalie Mulé might be able to attend.

Once again, thank you for your corporate commitment to Manatee County's development of Emerson Point Park. I am hopeful that BFI's support for this community effort will serve as a positive example for other potential benefactors in the years to come. Your continued support for these improvements and other public services which BFI brings to our community is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,



Charlie Hunsicker  
Ecosystems Administrator

cc: Board of County Commissioners  
Ernie Padgett, County Administrator  
Danny Hopkins, Director, Parks & Recreation  
Rosalie Mulé, Market Area Public Sector Liaison, BFI  
Wayne Poston, Bradenton Herald  
Tom Tryon, Sarasota Herald Tribune

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