

SECTION 4 LOCAL SUPPORT

The corridor's intrinsic resources are deserving of protection, preservation and the thoughtful use and enjoyment by residents and visitors alike. During the Designation process, many residents signed a general resolution of support as contained in Appendix C (see separate binder), which reads as follows:

"We support the community effort to have State Road 13 designated as a Florida Scenic Highway from the Julington Creek Bridge to the intersection of SR 16 in St. Johns County. We recognize the importance of the Scenic Highway Program in protecting and enhancing the aesthetic, environmental, historic, cultural and other resources in the corridor."

In addition, strong local support increased during the designation process. Growing membership in the Corridor Group plus participation at various public workshops and events reveals positive growth. The Corridor Group is a working group of volunteers who welcome new members and public participation. For example, on November 21, 2002, the Corridor Group held a Public Workshop, obtaining over two-dozen Feedback Responses to a questionnaire that participants were requested to complete (see Appendix D in separate binder). The responses were assembled or sorted by each question to provide an easy review of the information they reveal about people's attitudes and concerns about the corridor, and about the people themselves. The questionnaire asked people to tell about themselves and their family and to list their favorite feature of the highway, what makes the highway unique, the person's most memorable experience on the corridor, what they tell their visiting friends and family about the corridor, and what they would change about the corridor. In addition, space was provided for the person to make other comments they felt were relevant to the corridor. The information obtained through the questionnaire was processed in conjunction with the Conceptual Master Plan, which provides the basis for the Corridor Group's Action Plan (see Table 7 in Section 13).



The Corridor Group, representing many local, civic and environmental organizations plus professionals, businesses, governmental entities, and local organizations, have promoted and obtained partnership agreements as contained in Section 5, and resolutions and letters of support, as contained in Appendix C (see separate binder) and listed in Table 1, in Chapter 3. Likewise, area newspapers have been supportive of the Corridor Group by providing on-going coverage of the meetings and other special events, copies of which are provided in Appendix B.

The Corridor Group continuously seeks out and welcomes new members and public involvement. Reference is made to Section 6, which includes bylaws and procedures to establish and maintain general membership.