

**RESOLUTION NO: 020064**  
**PASSED: June 10, 2002**

**A Resolution in support of the continuation of funding for the  
Orange Creek Basin Annual Work Plan for FY 2002-2003 by the  
St. Johns River Water Management District.**

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville supports regional water management and has contributed substantial tax revenue to restoration of the Upper St. Johns River, Lake Apopka and other water resources in the St. Johns River Water Management District; and

WHEREAS, District staff and Governing Board members have repeatedly assured the citizens of Alachua County that problems in this part of the District would be addressed after projects in other parts were completed; and

WHEREAS, the headwaters of the Orange Creek Basin lies in the City of Gainesville; and

WHEREAS, many segments of the waters in the Orange Creek Basin have impaired water quality, many of Gainesville's creeks are discharging polluted stormwater directly into the Floridan aquifer or into state preserves, the water quality in Newnans Lake is frequently worse than Lake Apopka, the wetlands of Paynes Prairie have been significantly degraded and the causes are not yet known, and the effects of water quality, water levels, fire, and flow restrictions on Orange and Lochloosa Lakes are not yet fully understood; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville would like to work cooperatively with the St. Johns River Water Management District, the Suwannee River Water Management District and Alachua County to develop management plans for the basins draining the City; and


WHEREAS, District staff have proposed a minimal budget to allow continued data collection and analysis in the Orange Creek Basin, and continuity in data collection and staffing are essential to building the strong scientific basis needed for good water management decisions; and

WHEREAS, the public has repeatedly demonstrated a willingness to pay for the protection and restoration of the natural environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA:

1. The City Commission of the City of Gainesville supports a continuation of funding for the Orange Creek Basin Annual Work Plan for FY 2002-2003 by the St. Johns River Water Management District.
2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

Dated the 10th day of June, 2002

  
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Thomas D. Bussing  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Kurt M. Lannen  
Clerk of the Commission

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

  
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Marion J. Radson  
City Attorney