



October 25, 2017

Gainesville City Commission  
200 E. University Ave  
Gainesville, FL 32609

To The Honorable Mayor & City Commissioners,

RE: Proposed Mining Operation in Bradford and Union County

The Joint Water Policy Committee (JWPC), which consists of the following representatives: City of Gainesville Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (Committee Chair), Alachua County Commissioner Mike Byerly (Committee Vice Chair), City of Gainesville Mayor Lauren Poe, Town of Micanopy Mayor Virginia Mance and Alachua County Commissioner Robert Hutchinson, was established to bring together local intergovernmental stakeholders to collaborate on important water quality and water quantity issues that impact our communities.

At the August 7, 2017 JWPC meeting, the committee discussed concerns about the proposed phosphate mining operations in Bradford and Union County. On August 7, 2017, the Bradford County Commission authorized County staff to begin negotiations with a consulting firm to review the proposed mining application and to provide feedback to staff and the commission regarding potential environmental issues related to the project.

The Joint Water Policy Committee requests that the Gainesville City Commission prepare a letter to the Bradford and Union County Commissions requesting that the protection of the City of Gainesville's Murphree Wellfield (which provides safe drinking water and fire protection for approximately 190,000 people) be included in the consultant's review of the mining application. This review should address any potential water quality and/or water quantity impacts that the proposed mining project could have on the Murphree wellfield. This review should take into highest regard the protection of public health and safety, reliability of the public water supply, and the protection of our natural environment.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adrian Hayes-Santos".

Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos  
Committee Chairman