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NE Park Area Stormwater Questions
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Clarification needed:

1) Popejoy property acquisition:

We were told that the Public Works was discussing partial purchase of his property, allowing him to develop along NE 13 Ave and/or 2nd St.

- a) Has the city discussed with Mr Popejoy his idea of developing along NE 13th Ave and also along NE 2nd street? If done, he would be required to provide stormwater retention for this development on his own property. Have you discussed the possibility of a shared retention facility with Mr Popejoy and the city on the Popejoy property? What would the purchase price be for partial purchase by the city factoring in his potential profit realized from these developments? It should be significantly less than 4 times the appraised value.

- 2) Since it wasn't mentioned here, is the NE Park soccer field retention idea that Public Works recommended on October 8th now defunct?

3) The 2nd Street reconstruction is needed regardless of any upstream stormwater management. The unsafe levels of e coli found in water sampling points to leaking sewer lines.

- a) It was stated at our Task Force meetings that public works would construct stormwater retention on the corner of NE 12th Ave and 1st street. This was not mentioned here. Is that already in Public Works' budget as work scheduled to be done? If not, why was that not placed also in the Stormwater Capital Improvement Fund? Or has it been?

4) Why is Site B rated a lower priority than Site A?

The Task Force recommended those sites as equally important to catch the high volume of water currently pouring into Sweetwater Branch after a rain from all the paved surfaces along Main Street and Gainesville Shopping Center. We would like Site B to be included in the Stormwater Management Capital Improvement Program. St. Johns River Water Management District

stated that if the site was acquired by the city of Gainesville, that they would provide funding for its development.

Mr. Bowers:

5) Will the \$50,000 in the budget for stormwater retention in NE Park now be used for stormwater projects A,B, and Popejoy property as part of the Stormwater Management Capital Improvement fund?

a) will the approximately \$18,000 spent on the Task Force be deducted from the available \$50,000 for NE Park retention or was that paid out of a different fund?

6)The Task Force would like to be included in the discussion of design of sites A,B and city-owned retention on the Popejoy property.