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The Florida Chapter

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Florida Sierra Club

Please develop a policy to eliminate deep well injection of 10 million g/day of wastewater at Kanapaha Wastewater Treatment Plant. No wastewater expansion shall be given until full phase out.

**Re: Conservation, Open Space and Groundwater Recharge Element
Goal 1**

Sierra Club proposal for Policy 1.1.1

b Wetlands:

- 1) Preserve all wetland acreage and function. It is in the public interest that there be no development in and around wetlands. Degradation or loss of function shall be avoidable.
- 2) Restore wetlands where possible and where required by law.
- 3) Establish 100 foot buffers around wetlands.

Replacing City of Gainesville Policy 1.1.1

b. Wetlands: Developments containing wetlands must maintain the existing level of wetland acreage and function on the property avoid loss of function or degradation of wetland habitat and/or wetland hydrology as the highest priority. Degradation or loss of function that is unavoidable shall be minimized, and the applicant must demonstrate that the cause of the degradation or loss of function is clearly in the public interest. The City shall develop and implement land development regulations that at a minimum:

- 1) Establish criteria for determining whether or not the proposed development or activity is clearly in the public interest;
- 2) Establish mitigation ratios for wetland preservation, restoration and creation;
- 3) Establish bonding, monitoring and maintenance requirements for wetland mitigation projects;
- 4) Establish means of assuring that the wetland mitigation project continues to exist and function as approved;
- 5) Require review and approval of wetland mitigation projects by qualified professionals.



Goal 2

Sierra Club proposal for Goal 2

Protect and preserve the city's natural resources.

Replacing City of Gainesville Goal 2

Mitigate the effects of growth and development on environmental resources.

Sierra Club proposal for Objective 2.1

Preserve existing citywide wetland acreage and function. Restore wetlands where possible.

Replacing: City of Gainesville Objective 2.1

Upon adoption of this Plan, existing citywide levels of wetland acreage and functions within City limits shall be maintained to the extent feasible through the year **2001** 2010.

Policies

Sierra Club proposal for Policy 2.1.1

The City shall develop and continue to maintain an inventory of wetlands, and adopt land development regulations designed to preserve existing wetland acreages and preserve natural functions.

Replacing City of Gainesville policy 2.1.1

The City shall **develop and** continue to maintain an inventory of wetlands, and adopt land development regulations designed to **preserve** conserve **existing** wetland acreages and preserve natural functions on a citywide basis. When wetlands are unavoidably lost to development, mandatory mitigation shall be required to ensure no net loss of acreage and functions occurs. Mitigation will be performed within city limits except where special circumstances prohibit this option, in which case all mitigation must remain within Alachua County.

Sierra Club proposal for Policy 2.1.3

c Identify parties responsible for polluted areas, and require parties to eliminate pollution problems.

Replacing City of Gainesville Policy 2.1.3

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