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Mr. Charles Keister, AICP
North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
2009 NW 67th Place, Suite A
Gainesville, FL 32653

RE: Greenways of Gainesville ADA/DRI -- Second Response to Request for Additional Information

Dear Mr. Keister:

The Alachua County Environmental Protection Department has reviewed the referenced document. We note that the applicant has indicated that this is their final response.

There are a number of uncertainties remaining regarding anticipated environmental impacts of the project. Of critical concern to us, however, is the potential for adverse on-site and downstream hydrologic and water quality impacts.

Given the acknowledged physical constraints of the site related to soils, seasonal high groundwater tables, a complicated system of wetlands, and extensive floodplains, it is our view that the density and intensity of development proposed is not appropriate for this site. Additionally we do not feel that the applicant has provided adequate assurance that the intensive engineering required to overcome certain of these constraints, primarily those related to stormwater management, will result in zero degradation of downstream Outstanding Florida Waters.

As a result, it is our opinion that the application should be denied unless one of the following options is implemented:

1. significant reduction in the density and intensity of the development; or
2. more specific assurances by the applicant in the form of more detailed stormwater engineering analyses; or

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3. condition the development order to require stormwater management design that exceeds the current minimum permitting requirements.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application. Please contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Drummond". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "D" at the end.

Michael Drummond
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By facsimile and U.S. Mail

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