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greenspace preservation assoc. inc

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CITY COMMISSION, CITY OF GAINESVILLE
P.O. BOX 490
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Re: 134TCH-98-PB

Dear Commissioners:

Greenspace Preservation Association, Inc. wishes to voice its objection to 134TCH-98-PB, which is to be considered tonight by the City Commission. It appears from the discussion material in the agenda for this evening's city commission that this item went before the Plan Board and received a negative vote of the Plan Board. *Greenspace Preservation Association, Inc* urges you to take the recommendation of the Plan Board and deny this technical change to the Land Development Code. However *Greenspace Preservation Association, Inc* has different reasons for denial than does the Plan Board.

Please realize that the amendment to the charter mentions nothing about "zoning district." It does mention two land use classifications found in the *Gainesville Comprehensive Plan*, "recreation" and "conservation" land use classifications which are found in the Future Land Use Element of the Plan. *Greenspace Preservation Association, Inc* continues to take the position that there is nothing that prohibits the paving or repair of "transportation corridors" within areas designated "recreation" or

"conservation" within the Future Land Use Element of the Plan. *Greenspace Preservation Association, Inc* has taken, and continues to take, the position that these corridors, the streets which are shown within the adopted *Gainesville Comprehensive Plan*, are not affect^{ed} by the proscription on paving in the "recreation" or "conservation" areas of the Hogtown Creek Watershed.

Greenspace Preservation Association, Inc wishes to take an active role in implementing the charter amendment. Unfortunately, since the adoption of the charter amendment, there have^{been} at least two attempts by the city to, what *Greenspace Preservation Association, Inc* and other citizens have seen, circumvent the meaning of the charter amendment.

In the spirit of the op-ed article written by Commissioner Bruce DeLaney, *Greenspace Preservation Association, Inc* and other citizens who supported the charter amendment are willing to work with the city commission to implement the charter amendment in a reasonable manner that will benefit all the citizens of the city. Let's work together to reach an amicable solution to this long-standing issue within our community.

Sincerely,



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cc: Board of Directors