



**DATE:** February 7, 2018  
**TO:** The Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners  
**FROM:** Omichele D. Gainey, Clerk of the City Commission  
**RE:** **Appointment of a City Commissioner Delegate to the State Forestry Advisory Board**

Good Morning,

Our office was contacted by Ernie Ash, Forestry Resource Administrator with the Florida Forest Service. He requested (per state statute) that a local elected official be appointed to serve on an Advisory Board to review and represent the city's interest in their Ten-Year Land Management Plan for Newnans Lake State Forest. Portions of the property included in the plan are within city limits.

The Advisory Board is scheduled to meet for one day to finalize the plan before submission to the state for approval. Alternatively, in lieu of attending, the Commission may direct the appropriate city staff to review the plan and submit written feedback to the Florida Forest Service in advance of the meeting.

If you are interested in serving on this board, please let your assistant know. This item will be added to the agenda for Commission approval at our February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

DATE & TIME: Public Meeting - Newnans Lake State Forest Management Plan Advisory Group, March 7, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.

To solicit comments on management of the Newnans Lake State Forest. Comments may be presented orally or in writing at the hearing. Written comments may also be submitted to FFS's Newnans Lake State Forest Office at 5353 NE 39th Ave. Gainesville, FL 32609 to the attention of Ernie Ash and should be mailed so as to arrive at the office by the date of the public hearing.

PLACE: Waccasassa Forestry Center Office, 5353 NE 39th Ave. Gainesville, FL 32609

PURPOSE: To allow the Newnans Lake State Forest Management Plan Advisory Group to review comments from the public hearing and provide recommendations to the FFS to help in preparation of a management plan for the Newnans Lake State Forest.

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order, Introductions and Remarks
2. Summary of Draft Ten-Year Land Management Plan for Newnans Lake State Forest
3. Question / Answer on Plan Content
4. Public Comment
5. Process Summation and Adjournment

Copies of a working draft of the plan and the management prospectus are available before the date of the public hearing online at [http://www.freshfromflorida.com/public\\_notices/](http://www.freshfromflorida.com/public_notices/) by contacting the Newnans Lake State Forest in writing at 5353 NE 39th Ave. Gainesville, FL 32609; or contacting Ernie Ash at (352) 395-4926.