

Citizen Comment

February 25, 2002

Re: Walnut Creek Development

My wife and I live on the first occupied lot on the creek into which the Walnut Creek Development water runoff will be flowing. We are concerned because the St. Johns Water Management District permit will be granted based on the 25 year maximum flood event. In the recent hearing it was stated by members of the Water Management District that they are not concerned with the City of Gainesville's criteria and do not take those criteria into consideration.

The City of Gainesville's criteria are stricter, based on the predicted 100 year maximum event.

I have been told by a member of the Gainesville Staff that the City depends on the findings of the St. Johns Water Management District because there is no one on their staff with the expertise to do this type of evaluation. It seems clear that the City cannot issue a permit to protect against a predicted 100 year maximum event based on the lesser criteria used by the St. Johns Water Management District.

Since our creek has suffered severe erosion already we would appreciate any help the Commissioners can give to make as certain as possible that the Walnut Creek Development retention system, which our expert does not believe is based on sound data, will provide adequate protection to the creek.

Sincerely,



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