



August 17, 2016

Honorable Robert "Hutch" Hutchinson
 Chair, Alachua County Commission
 Board of County Commissioners
 P.O. Box 2877
 Gainesville, FL 32602-2877

RE: Alachua County Stormwater Treatment Ordinance

Dear Commissioner Hutchinson:

This correspondence is prepared on behalf of the municipalities in Alachua County: Alachua, Archer, Gainesville, Hawthorne, High Springs, LaCrosse, Newberry, Micanopy, and Waldo, in response to the County's proposed stormwater treatment manual. All parties involved are concerned with water quality and stormwater in this area, but want to have fully researched the issues and implications of the County's proposed ordinance for the present and the future.

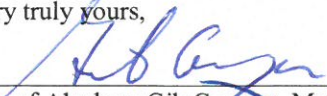
The undersigned municipalities have concerns regarding the financial impact the stormwater ordinance will have on the municipalities. These financial concerns are compounded by concerns regarding the efficacy of the proposed manual. The municipalities would therefore, request the County provide the municipalities with more information to allow for more meaningful discussions on the merits of the proposal. Additionally, the municipalities request the provision for municipal opt-in be made part of the proposed legislation.

The undersigned municipalities request the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners to direct County staff to provide the following information to the County Commission and the municipalities of the County

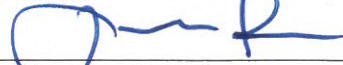
1. Financial impact study on the proposed manual to include:
 - a. Specific study on development and redevelopment in the County;
 - b. Specific impact on affordable housing in Alachua County;
 - c. Land set aside costs; and
 - d. Specific study on future maintenance costs associated with the proposed manual
2. Any case studies commissioned by the County regarding the stormwater ordinance, or similar case studies by other governments or entities showing feasibility and efficacy of the stormwater regulations.
3. A projection of the nitrogen reduction within the Santa Fe River and Orange Creek watersheds that will enter the surface water network (as measured by pounds/year and a percentage of the annual nitrogen loading reductions from all other efforts) resulting from the countywide implementation of the proposed stormwater manual. It might make sense to make these projections for time specific periods (annually, over the next decade, etc). In addition, define the projected associated cost spent on stormwater systems as compared the total cost spent on all other activities to reduce nitrogen loadings.

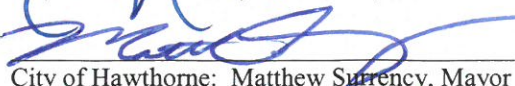
Thank you in advance for your consideration of the above request.

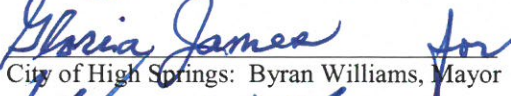
Very truly yours,


 City of Alachua: Gib Coeper, Mayor

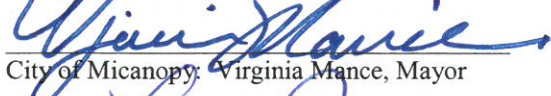

 City of Archer: Corey Harris, Mayor

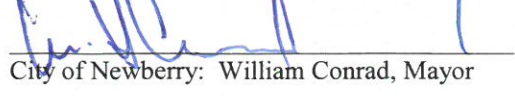

 City of Gainesville: Lauren Poe, Mayor


 City of Hawthorne: Matthew Surrency, Mayor


 City of High Springs: Byran Williams, Mayor


 City of LaCrosse: Dianne Dubberly, Mayor


 City of Micanopy: Virginia Mance, Mayor


 City of Newberry: William Conrad, Mayor


 City of Waldo: Louie Davis, Mayor