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Re: Proposed Wakulla Springs Protection Ordinance

Mr. Edwards,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed "Wakulla Springs Protection Ordinance." Please consider these comments from the Wakulla Springs Alliance. The Alliance is composed of scientists and other experts knowledgeable of the local hydrology, land use planning, local government, water use and education and we work to protect our local water resources from further decline, particularly those connected to Wakulla Springs. However, given the 10-day review period didn't allow sufficient time to put together comments on such technical regulations, the Alliance requests extending the public comment period substantially and holding at least one, or preferably, a series of public workshops that include springs experts prior to taking any action by the Board of County Commissioners. The importance and potential consequences of the proposed regulations are profound, and the Alliance is concerned that the language does not go nearly far enough to truly protect Wakulla Springs. Careful consideration is required rather than haste, particularly since these draft regulations have been crafted over a period of at least six months prior to being released.

Thank you for considering these comments.

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