

Dear Commissioner X:

The Executive Committee of the Wakulla Springs Alliance, on behalf of the WSA Board, joins Chad Hanson in urging you to deny the application for Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment CPM21-09 submitted by Watkins Properties, LLC. We endorse Mr. Hanson's findings and reasoning in the attached letter.

The Northwest Florida Water Management District's recent Minimum Flows and Levels Technical Assessment documents that groundwater from Priority Focus Area 2 is flowing north to Wakulla Spring more frequently than in the past due to the declining head differential between Wakulla Spring and the Spring Creek springs group.

Allowing development with standard septic tanks at this location would be a step backwards. Doing so would partially offset the very large investments of county and state funds to reduce nitrogen loading from the Otter Creek wastewater treatment facility and from standard septic tanks elsewhere in the county.

The County Commission is under no legal obligation to grant the proposed comp plan amendment. We urge you to deny the request, consistent with the goal we all share to improve the water quality of Wakulla Spring.

Rob Williams, chair, Wakulla Springs Alliance

Robert Deyle, vice chair

Tom Taylor, secretary

Jim Davis, treasurer