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28 September 2024

VIA EMAIL

SUBJECT: LCCC Opposes Proposed Removal from Rural Protection Area for Old Hammock Cove, PZ2024-150.

Dear Commissioners:

The Lake County Conservation Council, Inc. (LCCC) was founded in 1987 to protect Lake County's natural resources. We have recently learned that Old Hammock Cove \ Harbor Hills has requested that approximately 1400 acres be removed from the Emeraldal Marsh Rural Protection area.

In 2010, after much study and community input, Lake County's Board of County Commissioners set aside three "Rural Protection Areas" for special protection from high density development. These core areas are the Wekiva-Ocala RPA, Emeraldal Marsh RPA, and Yalaha-Lake Apopka RPA. Under Lake County law, RPAs are subject to regulations regarding density (number of dwelling units per acre) and open space.

RPAs are important because they are vital for the health and wellbeing of humans and animals. When we replace farms, forests, and wetlands with rooftops, sidewalks, and streets, we destroy wildlife habitat, decrease air quality, increase air temperature, increase flooding, increase pollution from stormwater runoff, and interfere with the return of filtered water back into our aquifer. If we don't take care of our aquifer, our wells will run dry or will become contaminated by salt water. In an age of rising temperatures and increasing population, RPAs are needed now more than ever. RPAs should be preserved. In fact, residents of Lake County overwhelmingly agree. We've been circulating the attached petition "Put the PROTECTION Back in Rural Protection Areas" for several months now. We've collected nearly 1500 signatures from residents who believe that all Rural Protection Areas should be preserved. A list of their added comments as well as a copy of the petition, are attached.

In 2001, Citizens via the Central Florida Sierra Club submitted objections to the original Harbor Hills expansion, characterizing them as a dangerous precedent with broad ramifications. Their comments are attached here. Fast forward to 2024 where we are continuing to experience degradation of our Rural Areas and their vision of poor precedent seems especially relevant. Please oppose PZ2024-150.

Please feel free to contact me at 352-250-6771 or at hepting.jane@gmail.com if you have any questions. Thank you for your kind consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

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Lake County Board of County Commissioners
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January 22, 2001

Dear Chairman and members of the Board of County Commissioners:

This letter is submitted on behalf of the Sierra Club Central Florida Group, regarding the proposed Harbor Hills Development of Regional Impact and associated rezoning (LPA #00/10/1-5 and #00/10/2-5). Our organization concurs with the exemplary analysis provided by Lake County planning staff, and respectfully recommends denial of the proposed project. We believe that this analysis, involving thorough assessment of the Lake County Comprehensive Plan, Land Development Regulations and Florida Administrative Code, not only provides ample reason for the Board of County Commissioners to deny the proposed project as a "rural village", but offers a sound basis for challenge should the project be approved.

A primary focus of the Sierra Club is the promotion of livable communities that discourage sprawl and protect surrounding natural areas through responsible growth management. Although originally envisioned as a means of defining and protecting the character of rural communities, the "rural village" concept in the case of Harbor Hills has been fundamentally misapplied. Historically, rural villages have consisted of small pedestrian-oriented hamlets intrinsically connected to and supportive of a rural lifestyle. A rural village is not simply an urban or suburban development arbitrarily located in an otherwise rural area. Rather, as described by county land development regulations, a rural village is intended to cater to the particular needs of the rural community, allowing "purposeful assembly for social, cultural, and religious activities, becoming a symbol of community identity." According to county regulations, new rural villages must be built to emulate this same settlement pattern. To site an easily recognized example, the small town of Mayberry (as portrayed in television's Andy Griffith Show) would qualify as a rural village.

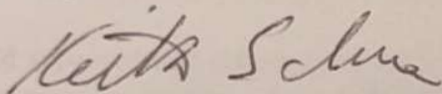
In terms of overall size, function and character, the proposed Harbor Hills expansion project fails in virtually every way to emulate a rural village. As substantiated by staff analysis and comments previously submitted by the Sierra Club (P&Z record), the proposed project (consisting of over 2000 dwelling units, containing major golf course facilities, and rivaling the size of an incorporated city) can only be described as a large-

scale planned suburban development. As such, the proposed project does not compliment or ensure viability of the rural area in which it resides, but rather compromises the long-term rural integrity of the surrounding area by projecting a pattern of continued outward urban expansion or sprawl. Moreover, if approved, the Harbor Hills project will set a dangerous precedent by which any urban or suburban project, regardless of magnitude or incompatibility with the surrounding rural landscape, may also qualify as a "rural village", thereby undermining the entire growth management process.

The Sierra Club Central Florida Group urges the Board of County Commissioners to consider carefully its decision, mindful not only of Harbor Hills as one project, but also of the broad ramifications to growth management, affecting the residents and environment throughout Lake County.

Consideration of these comments is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Keith Schue".

Keith Schue, Vice-Chair
Sierra Club Central Florida Group
407-942-6800 office

SUBMITTED FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD

Keep lake county beautiful not full
Zero lot lines in family developments are causing overcrowded problems. Homes look like crackerboxes.
You work for us, don't forget that!!
You should not lower the acreage to under 5 acre parcels. In order to keep our county, the desired location and to keep up property values 100% should not be changed.
You have to stop developing all the land or there will be nothing left to enjoy. The land can not continue to support all the people coming in. Wildlife is being displaced. please put a stop to the over developing lake county.
You have been elected to work for the citizens of Lake County not developers. Please direct your attention to what you were elected to do.
You have an obligation to protect lake county's rural areas!
You guys are destroying my childhood home if you build.
You are ruining Lake county... You can't go anywhere without traffic and back up at any time of the day there's growth and then there's uncontrolled growth that's the direction we're going to.
With continued annexation of non incorporated land, rural lifestyle will be extinct.
Who benefits from over development? Equity firms in Manhattan. They could care less about our community.
Where is too much building in Lake County It needs to stop.
When will it stop? Please do your jobs and protect our dwindling rural areas!
When the last tree is cut and the last hill is leveled we will have exchanged paradise for an urban sewer.
When Jeb Bush signed the Wekiva Parkway and PROTECTION Act he challenged local officials to honor that promise in exchange for getting the new parkway built. Many made millions front running state purchases. STOP VIOLATING the intent of the law!!
when is election day ?
What will it take to convince you that our communities DO NOT want further development? We are at full capacity! We have protected areas for a good reason.
What are you thinking?? OR NOT
We would really like to keep our neighborhood rural we have horses that's why we moved here not to mention the added traffic and noise from having 500 mobile homes right next-door
We will remember how you vote
We The People insist that you stop allowing annexing of our rural areas... especially when you have members that may benefit from the excessive growth. Respect God's Country and our right to live as simplistic as we see fit.
We really don't need any more development in Lake County. Please preserve what little rural area we have left!
We need to protect our rural land and areas.
We need to protect and save our natural resources. Keep taking away or continue to build and annex properties is creating mayhem on our environment and the way we are living
We need to preserve what we have we are getting to with to much traffic and crazy drivers

We need to preserve the integrity of the rural and protected areas. Please start caring about this community and its well being.
We need to keep our place quiet a beautiful we don't need any of this in our area
We need to have more green space, and more reasonable building.
We need these areas to remain protected, PLEASE
We need the rural life here and lake county. It helps with the temperatures in the summer and coverage during rains and hurricanes
We need our County Commissioners to oversee and enforce the Rural Protection areas in our county. Please monitor what the out of control annexations are doing to our open land.
We need a No Vacancy sign put
We must protect our natural habitats.
We must protect natural areas and uphold the protections that we have already put in place.
We must find a way to protect the rural areas from overdevelopment.
We moved to Lake County to get away from the big cities and their problems. Don't bring that here!
We moved here for the country feel and are now looking to get out. Way too many people already in a small area. Stop building houses, apartments etc.
We live here because it isn't densely populated. Let's keep it that way.
We have had enough construction in this area we moved here to get away from all that. Don't bring your up north bs to our south.
We have enough homes and traffic now!
We have 2 lane roads throughout lake county with no room for more. Please stop the high density
We enjoy GO for 4 months a year. I imagine losing the beauty and serenity of GO. It would be a tragedy for the local residents who live in the area.
We don't need more houses or shops
We don't have many places like the grand oaks resort around anymore. It's a great place for kids to come and compete with their horses. Spend quality family time and enjoy the country life setting.
We do not want all this growth , city water or sewer.
We do not want all of this new developments. . what about schools, fire protection, roads, water and the list goes on. WE ARE BIG ENOUGH. IF IT ISN'T BROKE...DON'T FIX IT!
We do not support approve agree with annexation of lands in rural areas to be developed into lots smaller than 5 acres
We do not need a another noise making commercial company in a rural neighborhood!
We are a Rural County. Please keep us rural.
We absolutely want our lands and rural areas to stay the way they are by changing this you are creating a very unsafe place to our lives we the people who want peace and freedom in our lands what to keep it that way. Do not change it please
Trees are being cut down. Wildlife has nowhere to go. Homes in subdivisions are far too dense for the infrastructure. Enough already. Please save the environment and stop the builders' greed.

To much agriculture getting destroyed for housing taking away animals homes.
Time to SAVE RURAL PROTECTION AREAS
This unsustainable growth has to stop. We do not have the infrastructure in place, or planned to handle amount of traffic these developments are bringing.
This loophole" is outrageous!!!"
This land is incredibly valuable not only to the ecosystem, but to the generations of people who have called this place home. Do not let the city ruin the land and the way of life for these people.
This issue is vital to keeping some areas of Lake County safe from urbanization.
This is why we moved to this beautiful area. For the wildlife, for the serenity, for the peace. Don't build in our rural areas!
This is tyranny
This is getting out of hand, everywhere you look there building
This has to stop. Our way of life is being destroyed. Progress is fine and expected but this is a tax grab without regard for the quality of life expectations and what the current infrastructure can handle.
This annexation needs to be reigned in.
Think about the people you are looking to re elect you.
These rules were put in place for a reason. Allowing annexation through a backdoor loophole sets a negative precedence.
These areas are rural for a reason. If we keep letting developers borrow land from these protected areas we wont have any left for wildlife.
There is not enough infrastructure to support all of these developments!
There is NO NEED to develop ANY property around the Emeralda Marsh area. Especially the amount of homes being considered. Do we REALLY NEED ANOTHER GOLF COURSE?!?!
There is no infrastructure to support this building
There is about12 wild hogs in the conservation place behind Pennbrook fairways some of them big and some smaller one. I don't know how they got in because it is got low fencing. My number is (417) 631-6608
There are no roads in this area that can handle this significant development planned for here and Harbor Hills. The increase in traffic crashes on a daily basis is actually frightening. Our once rural life in a pristine area is being sold to the highest bidder. Please don't sell us out.
There are many protected species here that will lose their home and natural habitat! Also more development will increase crime!
The well-being of Lake County's future generations depends on Your decisions. Do you want Your Grandkids to be able to enjoy the wildlife and wild spaces or are you going to make Lake County look and feel like Orlando where there's too many people in too little space so anger isn't managed & road rage runs rampant. Please take this seriously!
The voters will speak and your own businesses and reputations will not hold up to the public's anger if this goes through. DEMOCRATS will take over.
The rural area must be protected from rezoning .
The roads are already too crazy busy. Nature is essential for our minds. We don't need more and more.
The ramifications of the aforementioned petition if not heeded are irreversible.

The quality of life in this county has been degraded by un controlled growth.
The people of lake county have moved here for very specific reasons... please stop taking that away from us and polluting our county with big city problems
The Lake County we love, even from three years ago, is vanishing fast. Please don't let greed blind you to the beauty of our county that should be protected and preserved!
The high density housing looks terrible out here in the country. Do we have enough schools, fire, police, hospitals, doctors? Maybe you should focus on that!
The decisions of the Lake county Zoning board are negatively impacting hundreds of tax paying,voting, property owners in Lake County.
The current rate of development is not sustainable. And is not being a good Stewart of our land . This must slow down and have a better comprehensive plan for future developments.
The beauty that attracted many over the last centuries will be gone forever if urban sprawl is not contained.
The Bates ave development is an example of the sprawl that previous leaders attempted to avoid. Take control and stop these fools.
The animals need places to live without being harassed by humans
Thank you working on our behalf to protect these areas.
Thank you in advance for putting common sense before the almighty dollar and recognizing the importance of protecting our precious rural areas. Your Children and Grandchildren will Thank You too!
Thank you for your consideration.
Thank you for all you do. Please work hard to protect rural and ag land in our county.
Taking away protection areas hurts us and the wildlife it's preserved for. It must stop !
Take care of our protected lands!!
Stop! with the development already.
Stop! Let us have more land.
Stop using up our rural areas. We moved her for the rural agriculture area. Now we can't hardly go to town due to added traffic and urban sprawl. Keep our area wonderful
Stop using Our Green areaa for your greed. The Mt. Plymouth/Sorrento development is going to cause more infrastructure issues than you are apparently willing to address!
Stop urbanization!
Stop this uncontrolled growth in Lake County.!
Stop this rampant growth!!!
Stop this now. You're killing our wildlife and creating so much traffic our roads can't handle. Stop now!!
Stop this madness
Stop this growth. It is displacing wildlife and destroying our way of life in Lake county . My family has lived in lake county for 30 years and lake is becoming another crime ridden area.
Stop this expansion without up dates to support structure first
Stop the urban sprawl in beautiful Sorrento NOW.

Stop the unfettered growth.
Stop the theft of our Natural Resources, woodlands, Meadows, streams, water and the decimation of wildlife and habitat.
Stop the subdivisions!
Stop the sprawl..it's endangering what wildlife we have left.
Stop the Sorrento-Mt.Plymouth PUD!
Stop the overgrowth! You cannot sustain this type of growth. You are obviously NOT a lake county native because if you were you would appreciate the beauty of our lands and no that roof tops for miles and miles are not beauty!
Stop the over development/save our natural areas
Stop the over development of our land
Stop the over building without real infrastructure
Stop the madness!
Stop the high density!
Stop the high density housing. Adhere to the statues that are in place and allow houses to be built within those rules. Otherwise take the necessary steps to get a law on the books that permits the high density housing . Follow the law and lake county commissioners can't make these lawful decisions. Citizens of Lake county won't stand for this.
Stop the growth!!
Stop The Growth! To many homes per acre there is No need for all these new homes!
Stop the development, it's destroying this county!
Stop the development period. Your constant approvals are overtaxing the infrasturcture
Stop the development in our rural areas. We want it to stay the way it is, not turn into another over crowded area filled with too many homes and not having the resources of schools and roads to handle it!
Stop the Californication on Florida now!
Stop The Building! Protect Our Rural Areas!
Stop the building of new homes. Clermont used to be a beautiful place to live with hills and trees. Now all you see are roof tops and traffic.
Stop the building it's too damn crowded
Stop the annexing, stop developing. Go up, not out. Keep country, country.
Stop the Annex of protected lands
Stop tearing down wooded areas for more houses!
Stop taking the land that's protected
Stop taking away the rights of towns and cities to make their own decisions of how they want to grow.
Stop stop stop..or step down !!

Stop spoiling the beauty of Florida, especially Lake County
Stop selling us out! We don't have the infrastructure for all this dense development!
Stop selling out to the developers
Stop ruining our home!
Stop ruining our county and keep rural land alive. Don't allow over development for your own personal gain. Stop Hurley environmental as well
Stop ruining Lake County, let's keep it beautiful. Not like Miami or Orlando or Jacksonville.
Stop ruining lake county with overdevelopment!
Stop putting profits over long time residents. Leave the north up north.
Stop putting loud businesses in rural communities.
Stop over development of our Rural areas
Stop over development in Lake County. Not enough natural resources and traffic flow is not being addressed. developers are in to get rich but they choose not to live in the congestion
Stop over development
Stop over developing! We all moved out of the metro area to get away from this.
Stop over developing our county. We miss cows and orange groves. Stop feeding the greed of The Villages and other developers.
Stop over building. You're ruining our peaceful living. Leave one house per 5 acres. You official are all greedy at our expense.
Stop making a concrete jungle in rural areas
Stop letting people ruin our nature!
Stop letting g developers put so many houses on land, space them out
Stop Giving Away The Land For Developers Personal Gains
Stop giving away our conservative lands!!!
Stop development!!!
Stop development
Stop developing rural areas
Stop Developing and Overpopulating Our County. We voted you in, we can vote you Out
Stop destroying our rural land.
Stop destroying our land and water
Stop destroying our environment with development and asphalt
Stop destroying our county
Stop demolition of our wild life!

Stop building.
Stop building!!!! Enough!!!!
STOP BUILDING!! WE HAVE HAD ENOUGH
Stop building on important land that needs to be protected
Stop building in Lake County.
Stop building
Stop being g more ey hungry and leave our areas alone e
Stop annexing.
stop annexing rural areas. tax money isn't wrth it. Leesburg is rural, not a metropolis.
Stop annexing in the rural areas designated as rural protection areas" into city limits or risk getting voted out of next election cycle."
Stop Annexation!
Stop allowing them to ruin our rural areas!
stop allowing development of designated rural protection areas!
STOP allowing annexation of rural protection areas by cities who then approve high density development.
Stop allowing annexation
Stop all this insane growth..too fast not planned well
Stop all this growth. Protect our rural areas!
Stop all this crazy building and land slaughter! I few acres here and there but THOUSANDS OF HOUSES IN THE PROTECTED SWAMPLANDS? STOP ALREADY!! 🙄 🙄
Stop all the growth. No jobs and schools as well as infrastructures cannot handle the fast growth. Hurting natives and wildlife!!!
Stop all the developing!! Don't let cities annex protected areas to develop! Lake County is turning into a congested area! Too much development & forcing wildlife to move or live within developments.
STOP all of this growth!!!
STOP
START THINKING OF WHAT YOU ARE DOING TO LAKE COUNTY
Start protecting natural habitats
Smart growth preserving rural areas and quality of life is the answer.
Slow down.
Slow down development until our infrastructure can handle more residents! This is killing the beautiful Lake County I was born in. Please stop this crazy out of control developement!
Seriously I'm not standing fior ur incompetent ideas of what Lake County residents want do not want u guys in office not voting for u next time
Save the wetlands

Save some of the rural aspects of Lake County.
Save rural protection areas. Stop the over build and keep the beauty of our natural land
Save our small town.
Save our rural protection areas and all rural areas.
Save our natural lands!
Save Lake Counties gems
Save Florida with wise choices and protection. There's no going back when overdevelopment is done
save Florida nature !
Rural protection codes are in place to preserve the beautiful land we reside it, please preserve our natural florida beauty and do not fail your residents by annexing these spaces.
Rural Protection Areas!
Rural protection areas should be protected!
Rural areas are an important part of the look and feel of Lake County and should be embraced, not paved over.
Respect the rural protection areas" please"
Requesting that county commissioners prohibit the use of PUDs in rural land areas, too.
Quit the greed and save our lands for our future generations to enjoy!!!
Quit taking all the land from our animals!
Quit encroaching on our rural areas
Quit destroying Lake County!!!!!!
Quit building subdivisions. The land is already occupied by the wildlife. Learn to love nature again.
Quit building don't need the congestion of people and vehicles
PUT THE PROTECTION" BACK IN LAKE COUNTY'S RURAL PROTECTION AREAS"
Put the interests of current citizens first!
put the breaks on development
PUT THE "PROTECTION" BACK IN LAKE COUNTY'S RURAL PROTECTION AREAS
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Put protection Back in Lake County's Protection Areas
Protection Areas not only preserve the quality of life resident thought rural zoning promised them. It also preserves land for water recharge, wildlife and more. the
Protecting RURAL LAND matters! Honor the desire of YOUR CONSTITUENTS to keep protected rural lands rural, or know that we will remember come voting time.
Protect what is left, please.

Protect these lands and stop chasing the beautiful animals that live around us into neighborhoods and onto highways. I'm saddened every time I see a huge deer dead on the road or a beautiful bear dead on 429 or 46. The crazy construction needs to stop.
Protect the Rural Protection Areas
Protect the rural lands!
Protect the rural lands and all our wildlife!
Protect the rural areas
Protect the rural areas
Protect the rural areas
Protect rural protection areas!!
Protect rural places and other protected places from growing house into communities that distroying the land and habitats around them.
Protect rural lands, not build more corporate subdivisions.
Protect rural land for future generations!
Protect rural communities
Protect Rural Areas!
Protect rural areas stop giving into greed
protect our wildlife...protect our crops
Protect our wildlife!
Protect our rural land
Protect our rural areas. We do not want wall to concrete and pavement.
Protect our rural areas!!!
Protect our rural areas stop urban sprawl
Protect our rural areas from over development
Protect our rural areas and stop annexing for development
Protect our rural areas and protect our small towns to stay small!!!!!!!
Protect our rural area's. Thank you
Protect our RPA!!
Protect our open spaces and conservation lands. Create better management plans for existing lands and waterways.
Protect our lands!!!
Protect our land
Protect our free spaces - stop building!

Protect our county.
Protect Lake county rural areas.
Protect Lake and Wekiva River Basin
Protect Florida's natural habitat to preserve its beauty
Protect Florida land!
Prevent urbanizing rural protection areas
Prevent Urban Sprawl!
Preserve the little open space we have left because it is disappearing fast.
Preserve rural areas. Please.
preserve Rural areas, please.
Preserve Lake County rural areas. Too many wildlife are being displaced.
Preserve ag and country lifestyle which so many have relocated to lake coubty
Plenty of vacant houses for people to live in. Don't fix what's not broken!
Please, You have to defend our way of life, Thanks
Please, this Must stop!
Please, stop the building in protected areas! So many animals that make these wetlands and areas home, will be displaced. Once these habitats are gone, so are they. Roads cannot sustain the traffic !
Please!
Please use your authority and elected powers to keep at least part of Lake County rural.
Please uphold the 2030 Comprehensive Plan as property owners made their decisions on purchasing their properties what our local county committed to in 2010.
Please think carefully before voting
Please take into consideration the amount of protected wildlife in the Lady Lake area that the legacy group wants to develop.
Please take care of our rural areas and do not allow 4 or 5 homes per acre.
Please stop, just stop! Not every inch of land has to be developed.
Please stop!
Please stop with all new buid subdivisions. Cookie cutter homes. Shoddy building practices. As stated our infrastructure cannot handle it. The roads are way to Crowe
Please stop urban sprawl!
PLEASE stop this. We don't want urban sprawl.
Please stop this. Then they will go away and we still have our beautiful area.
Please stop this plight of the towns in Lake County that we chose to be a part of. We did not move her to have high density, crime and homelessness!

Please stop these endless annexations that don't benefit the community.
Please stop the urban sprawl.
Please stop the urban sprawl
Please stop the uncontrollable growth that is ruining our beautiful land. Too much way too fast. We do not have the infrastructure in place. Please, in the name of all thqt is good, STOP!!
Please stop the over development of our county.
Please stop the houses. Wildlife is disappearing
PLEASE stop the development!!! We are not a small town anymore and are ridden with horrendous traffic and crime is becoming a problem. Our mayor wanted to keep the small town feel in his original message and must maintain the hometown feel
Please stop the destruction of the rural land that is left.
Please stop the conversion of Rural Protection Areas to PUDs by the county or by annexation to cities and towns.
Please stop the building of cheap crowded subdivisions
Please stop selling the land and protect what is still left to Florida. Please please please!
Please stop over growth and protect our remaining rural zones.
Please stop morphing protected lands in Lake County into high density subdivisions.
Please stop making our country living into a city!
Please stop letting Leesburg annex these rural protected areas.
Please stop Grand Oaks Rezoning.
Please stop development in critical rural areas
PLEASE Stop developing our county
Please stop developing ever inch of our last areas of land!!
Please stop destroying where the animals live
Please stop destroying natural Florida and wildlife habitat with all off this overbuilding.
Please stop building all these subdivisions and stores. These roads can't handle l t for one, and it brings more crime in our area. Also it is bad for Wil life
Please stop annexing. I am interested in preserving a lot of the areas that I moved to the building has gotten out of control.
Please stop annexing our rural land to municipalities; Lake county's beauty lies within these habitats, not in urban communities!
Please stop allowing PUD's in Sensitive areas
Please stop allowing massive development in beautiful rural areas!
Please stop all this overdevelopment - it is negatively impacting everyone's lives
Please stop all this development

Please stop all the growth in lake county. We have lived here on 5 acres for 10 years and now the area is unrecognizable and the roads are not sufficient for the growth.
Please stop all of this development!!!!
Please stand up for your Constituents in Sorrento.
Please serve the people that voted you into office.
Please save what is left after raping the protective areas
Please save our wildlife. They need places to live just as us humans
Please save our rural protection areas.
Please save our rural existence !
Please save our protected areas!
Please save our environment, plenty of places to build without destroying this natural supposedly protected area,
Please save natural Florida! We need these spaces for nature and our sanity. These Grand Oaks clean our air, the land absorbs vital rain and replenishes the earth! Stop them from taking our beautiful natural Florida!
Please remember.. it's ok to have green space.
Please remember why everyone moved to lake county. It's a beautiful place don't let them make it into a Orlando. Praying you all will be good Stewart's of our beautiful county!
Please protect what's left of our rural land.
Please protect what we have left
Please protect us from further development.
Please protect this beautiful land
Please protect these areas! Weve had enough growth!
Please protect the rural nature of Lake County. I am alarmed by, and strongly oppose cities in Lake County annexing rural parcels of land and turning them into high density urban areas.
Please protect the rural lifestyle I longed for when leaving South Florida to live in Lake County.
Please protect the rural areas both for the balance of our environment. Protect our water levels and wildlife.
Please protect the rural areas as intended.
Please protect the remaining rural areas in Lake county and our aquifer!
Please protect the protection areas. We don't need every inch of land covered in developments
Please protect the land and culture of rural Lake County
Please protect the Lake County Rural Protection Areas. They are so important for so many reasons.
Please protect the green spaces and wildlife that we have left.
Please protect our wildlife and environment of Lake County.
Please protect our rural land..

Please protect our rural land and wildlife habitat!
Please protect our rural heritage and stop grand Oaks on the rezoning.
Please protect our rural areas.i grew up here in rural Eustis and my family still owns land there.
Please PROTECT our rural areas. FL is going to be nothing but concrete in 50 years!!
Please protect our rural areas from the rapid overgrowth in Lake County by voting out the loopholes for cities to change them to wherever dendity they desire.
Please protect our quality of living , protect our rural living
Please protect our marshes, and wetlands
Please protect our land.
Please protect our land! Leave green space & protect our wildlife. Our county is becoming nothing but rooftops!
Please protect our land from overpopulation and save the wildlife.
Please protect our county!
Please protect our beautiful rural areas.
Please protect our beautiful country setting and promote our wonderful town as a highcastle for acreage and equestrian homes
Please protect lake county's rural areas!!!
Please protect Lake county instead of killing it's diversity.
Please preserve the land for the animals
Please preserve the beauty of the area and protect the residents here.
Please preserve our rural protection areas. If the development keeps going the way it currently is, lake county, our health, and the beauty and benefit of our rural areas will be gone in the next years.
Please preserve our rural areas. We don't want urban sprawl!!
Please preserve our rural areas. Thank you
Please preserve our rural areas from urban sprawl. We desperately need your help to stop theTown of Lady Lake from rezoning 400 acres of equestrian property of Grand Oaks on Marion County Road to allow 795 manufactured homes. This is Lake County rural area of minimum 5 acre homesteads. Your help is desperately needed to help stop this blatant abuse of rural land.
Please preserve our rural areas
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Please preserve our green spaces!
Please preserve our beautiful rural areas
Please preserve Nature, Environment and the reason we moved to Lake county from Orlando's city development
Please preserve green areas, respect the environment and those people's lives who wants to live far away from the city noise and pollution.

Please preserve and protect the Lake County rural areas.
Please preserve and protect our rural areas from urban development and sprawl.
Please please protect her Raul protection areas
Please make any city-annexed RURAL land KEEP THE SAME ZONING it had before annexation, like we have done in Eastern Seminole County.
Please maintain the existing Rural Protection Areas
Please limit high density development!
Please limit development to 1 home per 5 acres in environmentally sensitive areas. Please make sure waste water facilities can handle the growth. Currently Mount Dora facility #2 can not handle any more connections. The hydrogen sulfide poisoning we are experiencing is terrible! Please help us!!
Please leave zoning one house per five acres.
Please leave some natural areas for our wildlife and people who live the country All of this building is impacting our roads and quiet sense of living. Please stop all of this building!!!!
Please leave our protected areas alone. Keep our rural areas. Orange County has plenty of housing available. We moved from Orlando and love our rural atmosphere.
Please leave a small town for my children . We are being sold out for to the highest bidder . You as our representatives are supposed to be our voice not lining your pockets with developers money
Please keep us rural!
Please keep us rural . Thank you
Please keep this protection!
Please keep the rural areas rural. Our wildlife matter.
Please keep space between neighbors. 5 acres min.
Please keep rural spaces protected.
Please keep rural areas rural.
Please keep our Rural Protection Areas safe from development in perpetuity for our water, wildlife, and ourselves. Keep Lake County Beautiful!
Please keep our Rural areas Rural. Those of us tired of working or living in more urban areas moved to the country to get away from the chaos. We don't want the chaos to follow us and ruin the peace and tranquility that we enjoy. Please make the right decision. Keep our Rural areas RURAL. Thank you!
Please Keep our rural areas protected!
Please keep our rural areas protected in our beautiful county!!
Please keep our county the beautiful rural haven that it is. We don't want another Clermont.
Please keep our county country.
Please keep our areas protected!
Please keep Lake County rural, let's be different than all of the other big cities!
Please keep Lake County "rural".

Please keep Lake Co rural
Please honor the rural zoning areas.
Please help us steward God's Great creation from terrible ignorance.
Please help us protect our open spaces. We have a 5 acre tract that boundaries a parcel that is asking for a zoning change to dense housing. Our community is already struggling to accommodate the rapid influx of new houses as it is. The main route of highway 50 into town is a consistent ribbon of traffic. This historic area with its citrus tower viewing nothing but acres of fruit trees is vanishi
Please help us preserve our rural areas and keep them free of growth.
Please help keep Lake County small!!
Please follow the laws that are currently in place and not change them suit new residents. We have lived in rural Lake County for a reason and seen the densities slowly increase to change the area. Local cities have plenty of land within their limits to accommodate developers.
Please enforce the rules regarding Rural Protection Areas!!!
Please don't ruin Lake County the way Dade, and Broward counties and Orlando have been destroyed . Everyone has been leaving those counties because of so much building which leads to more crime.
Please dont overfill our rural areas
Please don't Orlando-fy" our quiet area. Leave nature alone."
Please don't make Florida another California.
Please don't allow annexation which equates to more development, houses, traffic, pollution, crime, burden on services, and destruction of natural fauna and flora environments. Please preserve our county.
Please don't take away our rural protection areas.
Please don't destroy our marsh and wet lands
Please don't continue to allow developments to be more than 5 acres per house. I moved here to be away from the crowded developments. Our roads, schools, police, fire etc cannot handle the overdevelopment we have already. Let let County stay the way people moved here for. The protected wildlife and native plants are all dying. This will not be good for our environment. It's already being destroyed
Please don't allow this to ruin our rural community
Please don't allow more urban sprawl.
Please don't allow Grand Oaks to circumvent the rules and allow high density overcrowding and congesting the rules at taxpayers dollars. Billionaires seem to think that they can come in from another state and do whatever they want to make their money buy off politicians, and then walk away with a large payday. Vote NO and stop this nightmare
Please don't allow anymore builders in here! And stay away from the protected areas
Please do your part to protect the rural life we love! Thanks for your support! t.
Please do what is right for out County, the residents and our rural nature that we are so proud of.
Please DO NOT ruin our beautiful rural areas! This is NOT okay, many people moved here to escape the urban areas, please leave NE Lake County Rural!!!
Please do not put in large apartments condo and we lose our small town feel.

Please do NOT change the density! Keep it to 1 per 5 acres in rural areas.
Please do not allow the RPA to be turned into mass developments! We want the Rural to stay Rural!
Please do not allow annexing of rural areas to allow for high density building. Rural areas in Florida are fighting to stay alive. We need elected officials to honor those rural areas like Seminole county did for the Econ.
Please do more to stop over development and protect our rural environment. Thank you.
Please do everything to implement this. Thank you.
Please do every you can to protect these lands
Please continue the rural protection of this beautiful Florida land, the residents of lake county and the greater Florida area deserve for leadership in lake county to uphold these rural protected areas. Keep Florida beautiful
Please consider what the residents of these areas are requesting, less high density developments in our rural areas.
Please consider respecting our rural areas
Please consider lot size when above ground septic is needed. Septic and water supply needs to have ample distance
Please conserve our green spaces!
Please close the loophole that allows cities to annex rural protecton areas and change housing density. I am not necessarily opposed to annexation, but I am greatly opposed to increasing density
Please close the loophole and protect our rural areas from aggressive developers.
Please care about our natural environment and protect it from development raping.
Please be motivated by non financial factors insaving our protected land areas
Please be more considerate to not cutting down trees, only to have developers plant new ones. Avoid roof top to roof top subdivisions, where you can hear the t.v. in neighbor next door. Save some green in Fla. Thank you.
Please allow us to have controlled growth, and keep a little bit of rural feel in North Lake in particular. The traffic is already a mess.
Please “PROTECT” Lake Counties Preservation Areas!!
Own property in Paisley. Am a fan of rural areas. Thank you.
Our rural areas need protection and preservation- not annexation and urbanization. It’s a shame what those in the position to make and enforce laws to protect & preserve these vital areas are allowing. You are allowing the destruction of essential areas that must be protected now to ensure the future viability of our environment. We need leaders who prioritize rural preservation, not urban sprawl
Our natural land will be gone if we keep randomly building and compromising the beauty of our small towns for random Dollar Generals everywhere with empty parking lots... it's not good, looks cheap, tacky and harms all of us. This irresponsible building of endless highways and developments are killing all of our plants, animals and our spirit, and identity. Please stop.
Our highways are overcrowded. Please make rezoning decisions as if you were going to live next to the complex you are considering. Ask yourself “ is the infrastructure in place to support these additional residents? Can the County require the developers to upgrade the infrastructure?
Our beautiful county is being destroyed by greed. We moved to rural lake county for a quiet life style and that is now ruined by over crowded roads and housing developments that span over hundreds of acres with as many homes as they can fit per acre.

Orange
Once the beauty of our rural areas are gone, we will never be able to get it back. Ensure we keep “Lake Beautiful”, and that our county is not known as, “Lake County, the county that once was beautiful.”
Not happy with growth without infrastructure. A kindergartner could see the pro
No!! We don't want this!!!!
No too more developments in rural areas!
No new construction in our rural areas. Flooding will be an issue one day too !
No more sprawl. Lake County is too crowded already. Just in my area traffic is horriblr
NO MORE MOBILE HOMES
No more housing developments in Lake County...we are bursting at the seams.
No more high density sub divisions.
No more bull ! Leave the county alone
No more Annexing!
Need parks and school say no to changing laws t
Need help to protect rural lake county from overdevelopment and protect water shed from excessive sludge applications
Moved to the country for a reason, please do not change it!
Many of us that have moved to this area in the last decade chose to do so because of the small town life/rural living that areas like Apopka, Altamonte and beyond will never offer again. Though progress is important, please respect our communities enough to understand that this is not just unwanted but not needed.
Many Lake County residents moved from counties that did not value rural land and living and we specifically purchased our homes decades ago to leave that type of life style. Keep Lake beautiful. Without rural areas the county will just be an extension of Orlando and all of the crime and stress that comes with living in that environment.
Make Lake unique and keep it green!! Stop killing our wildlife and serenity.
Maintain Rural Protection Area
Listen to your constituents! We don't want to lose our rural areas to greedy developers.
Let's stay sane and not greedy. Limit development to save our county from acquiring another Clermont.
Let's keep Lake County beautiful. We need the land and so does the wildlife population.
Let's protect our beautiful rural areas. After all, that is why were here. We're not here for greedy developers were here for lakes nature and slow pace.
Let's keep Lake County Rural. One of the reasons I moved here.
Let's keep Lake County rural. Once it is gone it's gone for good. Our plants and animals need to be protected.
Leave the wildlife a place to live they were here first
Leave the rural protection areas alone. Stop annex parcels in to cities and then allowing more development on those protected areas. Quit using a loop hole!

Leave the rural protected areas alone. This expansion is horrendous and unnecessary. You are ruining this county for your own wallets...
Leave the protected areas alone
Leave the marsh alone, leave state parks alone
Leave Lake County rural!
Leave grand oaks alone 😞
Learn the lessons of Denver and Colorado Springs. There can be enlightened self interest to achieve a win/win.
Lakewood St is already very congested and now they want to add 50 cookie cutter houses and displace animals and cause traffic on Lakeview to increase. We're supposed to be the City of Trees and you want to remove a beautiful area. It's ruining our city.
Lake County, Please do the right thing. Protect what is meant to be protected. For the environment, wildlife and the people.
Lake County needs to make certain the 1 house per 5 acres remains in place as well as rigidly enforced prohibiting developers from eliminating our rural communities and farm lands.
Lake County is now saturated! Please keep some Old Florida in our beautiful county.
Lake County is losing its tourist and residential appeal due to unmitigated construction of many zero lot line communities and destruction of habitat. These new communities take valuable resources without adding any.
Lake County is already too crowded and congested.
Lake County is a beautiful place. This constant, unrestrained development, with no planning for infrastructure, is ruining our beautiful county. Stop the greed. Stop killing our animals. Stop killing our trees. Stop adding thousands of houses before it's too late.
Lake County does not need to turn protected land into subdivisions.
Keep us the way we are! With development comes people, with people comes crime, with crime comes poverty. Keep us the way we are!
Keep us small !
Keep the comprehensive plan, don't approve rural zoning please
Keep rural lands safe
Keep rural Lake County rural.
Keep rural lake county rural
Keep rural areas rural
Keep our rural areas RURAL!!!! Stop ruining Lake county!!
Keep our county beautiful!
Keep our country countryside
Keep our animals in there homes
Keep Mt Plymouth and Sorrento RURAL!!!
Keep Lake County Rural. Protect our land.

Keep Lake County RURAL!!!
Keep Lake County rural! We moved out to this area because of the land associated with the houses. You will destroy the county and drive people out if you don't preserve it. Please preserve the rural lake county that I love. Thanks
Keep Lake County rural and beautiful.
Keep it rural! Please don't allow urban building on our protected land
Keep developers out of Lake County
Keep ag, stay Rural
It's time to put a stop to unchecked development.
It's important to me to keep rural areas undeveloped, the overly populated areas put a strain on our environment and in the animals.
It's beautiful when you see things like the renaissance fair and other yearly events happen. However the increase of people in the area jam traffic to a crawl. Two lane roads are unable to cope with. Rendering the beauty that is rural.
It seems to me that increasing the number of homes and the tax base that will come with them is more important than the infrastructure needed to handle all the growth problems that come with it. We complain about traffic, we complain about parking,, and we complain about the disappearing landscape and wildlife being displaced, but it all falls on deaf ears because the love of money trumps all.
It is up ti you
It is time to protect Lake County's Rural Protection Areas.
It is imperative that the county continue to protect our rural protection areas.
It feels as if there's a 'feeding frenzy' on our county's land; we need our leaders to step up, force a pause, and consider the future. If you don't, this county will be devoured by those seeking short term gains at the expense of long-term visionary management. Once devoured, there's no turning back. What legacy do you, our leaders, want to leave for subsequent generations?
It crazy what is being allowed to happen in rural protected areas.
It costs a lot of money to build abandoned store fronts. Not to mention the money needed to build the roads, the traffic study requirements, putting in traffic signals if need be, adding sewer lines, water lines, electric in some areas...Does the County really want to fund that? Or won't it be cheaper and less of a headache to keep the rural areas protected still?
In God We Trust you make the right decisions for all property owners
If you want to keep your jobs protect the rural areas and not the pockets of the politicians and developers. We'll be watching.""
If you want to keep your jobs protect the rural areas and not the pockets of the politicians and developers. We'll be watching.
If we wanted Orange or Seminole County here we would live in Orange or Seminole County. I vote every election and this destruction of Lake Counties rural areas has to stop.
If we stop standing then we will fall for everything. We are protecting rural areas for a reason. Let's stop letting developers change the purpose of the FLUM. Start standing for the natural resources we have clearly designated.
If they keep building on our natural land lake county is going to turn into orlando!

If Lake County is to remain a liveable community it is absolutely necessary to protect our rural lands.
I'm appalled by your lax round table decisions! Please stop and preserve our kids future landscape! I know you know what's the right thing to do - there are things where money should not be a talking point
I would like to see Leslie campions and Sean Parks voted out office
I think the rural land and farm land should be left alone
I support this petition
I support protecting and preserving the "Rural Protection Areas"
I strongly urge you to support this document for the sake of all Lake County residents and wildlifeand our quality of life..
I oppose allowing PUDs within the Wekiva River Protection Area. This is an area of significant importance under State Protection which needs to be kept protected by all the current density and open space requirements. This change to allow PUDs as a land use designation is an open invitation for over development in a critical environmental and economic ecotourism area.
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I oppose allowing PUDs within the Wekiva River Protection Area. This is an area of significant importance under State Protection which needs to be kept protected by all the current density and open space requirements.
I oppose allowing PUDs with the Lake County Rural Protection Areas. Our rural areas are under pressure of dense development and the inclusion of a PUD land use designation can lead to more destruction of our rural area and change our rural lifestyle. Rural areas provide open space, aquifer recharge, carbon reduction, wildlife habitat, and many beautiful vistas. Green space and nature provide menta
I moved here to raise my children with out the fast living of a city. Our animals homes are being destroyed and they are also a big part as to why we moved here. Please stop building and destroying the future of our generations.
I moved from Orlando to Mount Dora 8 years ago to escape the big city and come to the best small town in America. It is quickly becoming another sprawling and dense area with development everywhere and little consideration given to infrastructure such as roads/traffic, schools. etc. I strongly support Rural Protection Areas!!
I moved away from metropolis" living to have the quiet of suburban and rural living. Please keep Lake County suburban and rural."
I live in rural Lake County and greatly desire that you protect rural areas and limit sprawl. I have seen what it does in other areas which is it destroys the county eventually.
I have watched the slow crawl of development around our rural protection areas for years and I saw this coming. We even spoke at commission meetings about this very thing. I even asked you what to the wekiva protection area , the wekiva study area, the wekiva basin, the Yalaha protection area the Ocala Oklawaha wild life corridor mean. Or are they just pretty words. You should be ashamed
I don't hold much hope this petition will do any good.
I don't want high density development in my neighborhood.
I don't know why it is necessary to develop in rural protection areas when it does nothing but damages these areas.

I don't believe our county roads can handle much more development. When we have to start I don't believe our county roads can handle much more development. When we have to start widening county roads to handle widening county roads to handle the amount of widening the county roads to handle the traffic, we are going to lose a rural areas completely.
I did not move here to have developments that only care about how many houses they can cramp into small areas Greed is the only reason that this is happening
I bought 10 years ago in groveland to be in the country now all the land is being sold to developers please help us to save our land and wildlife from large developments
I am for protecting our "Rural Protection Areas" so the animals that live in these areas can keep their homes.
I am ALL FOR GROWTH but in a responsible way. More schools, BETTER road systems, more support and designated fields for our athletic programs(Pop Warner football), homes that are not on top of each other and NO apartments would be a great start.
I am adamantly opposed to any more than ONE residence per five acres.
I am a native Floridian and it's shameful how much over development has occurred in this state. Do something positive to protect rural areas. People who want to live in the cities can still do so but those of us who want rural living are being pushed aside. Do the right thing and protect these areas before it's too late!
How can i do more?
Homeowner in lake county
High density housing is bringing Lake County more traffic, crime, and a vast array of urban problems.
Hi support, the protection of Lake County rule lands no more building. Please keep Florida nature in wildlife safe, thank you. I pray in Jesus name that this land is protected & taken care of
Help stop all this development
Help preserve our land. The current rate of development is not sustainable.
Help conserve. Keep what makes this area desirable.
Heed the petition!
Growth is good but not at the cost of our trees and lakes. We have too many new communities that take out ALL the trees. Stop the raping of our county.
Growth and lady Lake is out of control, and totally irresponsible! You have the ability to slow this down to a reasonable pace. Please use your common sense and do so.
Give a space, lots of space, under stary skies abovedon't fence us in
Furious over the massive destruction of Lake County permitted by the commission
For the long term quality of life, economic viability, and protection of natural resources rural protection areas should be protected by the County and Cities. Urban Development Areas (UDA) should be delineated and agreed to by the local governments. Approved Comprehensive Plans should take rural protection into account. County and Cities should not be working against each other.
Floridians are tired of this non stop development. Keep Florida wild
First The Groves, now the Innovation District. It's become apparent that expanding the tax base is your sole mission and water resources be damned.
Enough is enough. STOP developing like we're the tri-state area!!

Enough is enough, your giving away everything to developers, is everything on the table
Enough is enough!!! Do the right thing and stop all of this ridiculous over development!! Save our rural lands!!
Enough development!
Enough building already please stop this traffic is crazy our animals are being run out of what little space they have
Don't ruin what is left.
Don't turn our county into Orlando
Don't turn Lake County into Miami-Dade
Don't start taking away the rural areas! Is it worth it in the long run??
Don't develop our rural protected areas. There is too much development happening in Lake County without proper infrastructure and taking away from our wildlife
Don't change the County motto to "Real Florida, Real Close, but not for Real Long"
Don't change any more land use protection and get the public safety fire end and sheriffs up to date
DO YOU ALL LIVE HERE? This is not controlled growth it is completely out of control. Thank you for listening.
Do this!!! STOP ALL high density annexations anywhere until traffic is not gridlocked..
Do the right thing to protect the rural environment. Stop cities from annexing sensitive lands for development
Do something while you still can. No more zoning changes when someone shakes money in your faces.
Do not let our rural protection zones dissappear.
Do not do this
Do not change the development plan
Do not allow this indiscriminate loss of our land
Do not allow construction of on properties that are considered real. If it isn't stopped before long everything will gone for animals and people. Stop looking at the tax revenue.
Do not allow annex protected rural area
Development of what land is left must stop. There isn't enough resources for more people. Also the animals are displaced
Development is out of control, protect nature's habitats
Development is It rampant, infrastructure is not there, please protect Groveland's natural charm.
Dear officials, it is important to protect our wild life ans rural areas if we want to develop healthy thriving communities. Please use all your power to protect our landswild
Dear Lake County Officials, I am urging you as strongly as possible to keep the Emeralda area free from encroaching development. Lake County is rapidly succumbing to the whims of greedy developers who care nothing about preserving the natural beauty of this unique area. For the sake of future generations, please vote to limit development near our sensitive wildlife areas. Thank you!
Dear Commissioners, please protect the protection areas and adhere to the reason it was implemented, in addition to the other Rural Protection areas. Save our watershed, and our wildlife corridor.

Dear Commissioners, Please Preserve our Rural Protection Areas. We do not want to become a suburb of Orlando. We do not have sufficient infrastructure to accommodate a large influx of people. And we cannot afford to further block pathways of native and protected species. As City Administrator for Umatilla I sponsored the first Black Bear Festival 20 years ago. Don't let the developers win.
Curtail Lake County development!
Corporate development means urban sprawl.
C'mon. Stop destroying our rural lands. There's barely anything left already. Most of you act like you care about the environment but you only care about the developers that pay for your campaigns. Care about the quality of life for us residents for once!
Close the environmental loophole
City Annexing should not be allowed in Rural Protection Areas. Please vote against this and protect our rural areas and wildlife.
Build all you want in your cities and leave what's left of the semi-rural area alone. Please and Thank you!
As residents, you should understand the love we have for the nature of Lake County. Please do not sell us short!!
As a voter and a taxpayer I request that you please protect our Lake County protected areas from further development. Thank you
As a resident of Lake County I am asking you to protect the rural areas and life in our county.
And you thought we weren't paying attention!
am a long time Lake County resident and I oppose the land amendment of the Emerald marsh RPA and rezoning of the development property Michele Richards
Although my mailing address is "Lady Lake", I do not live in the boundaries of the town. My family lives in a rural area and are looking to our county representatives to protect the area as designated.
Already overdeveloped, about wildlife that has been
All commissioners must be FIRED!!
A message to Leslie Campione Lake county rep. Please work for the will of the people not the developers .
5 acre parcels in rural protection areas need to be protected from being annexed by cities in Lake County and zoning being changed to suit the pockets of developers and government who are obviously lining their pockets with the changes. Go elsewhere Developers.