

PETITION TO PUT THE "PROTECTION" BACK IN LAKE COUNTY'S RURAL PROTECTION AREAS

Whereas, various rural areas in Lake County have been set aside by State statute or by the County Comprehensive Land Plan for protection against high-density development; these include the Green Swamp Area of Critical Concern, Wekiva River Protection Area, Wekiva-Ocala Rural Protection Area, Emeralda Marsh Rural Protection Area, and the Yalaha-Lake Apopka Rural Protection Area; and

Whereas, these rural lands are vital for aquifer recharge, animal and plant biodiversity, flood control, carbon sequestration, lower temperatures, cleaner air, and human health; and

Whereas, these rural lands are being re-zoned at an alarming rate by county and municipal governments to allow for high-density development.

NOW THEREFORE, I (we) hereby petition the Lake County Board of County Commissioners and the governing boards of all Lake County municipalities to stop allowing high-density development in protected rural areas.

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