

RESOLUTION 2014-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF OAK HILL, FLORIDA SUPPORTING THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACTION PLAN TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY IN VOLUSIA COUNTY PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the quality of our rivers, estuaries, streams, lakes and the offshore waters of the Atlantic Ocean is critical to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Oak Hill and Volusia County; and

WHEREAS, water quality is a multi-jurisdictional issue of regional significance; and

WHEREAS, it will require the cooperation of the county, municipalities, and state and federal agencies to realize measureable and sustainable improvements in water quality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAK HILL, FLORIDA;

Section I. The City Commission resolves to work together in good faith with all local, regional, state, and federal governments and agencies to improve the water quality in Volusia County for all citizens to enjoy. The commission further establishes the following goals and associated actions to improve water quality in Volusia County:

- a. Promote clean water initiatives within all priority surface waters in the county, including the Tomoka River, Halifax River, Spruce Creek, Indian River/Mosquito Lagoons, St. Johns River, Blue Spring, and Gemini Springs.
- b. Eliminate the discharge of all treated wastewater to surface water bodies
- c. Identify water quality capital projects and commit funding.
- d. Develop and implement Reasonable Assurance Plans for priority surface waters that have not been declared impaired.
- e. Aggressively promote springs water quality restoration.
- f. Adopt policies to support and implement the elimination of septic systems within priority watersheds.
- g. Improve stormwater conveyance and treatment systems to reduce nutrient pollution.

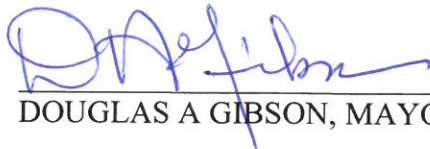
Section II. The county council requests each municipality pass a resolution stating its commitment to support these actions and to work cooperatively with the county to improve water quality in Volusia County by:

- a. Actively lobby at the state and federal levels for funding for the above actions.
- b. Partnering on agency or other grant and funding opportunities.
- c. Eliminating the discharge of all treated wastewater to surface water bodies countywide.

- d. Identifying water quality capital projects and committing funding/matching funds.
- e. Developing and implementing Reasonable Assurance Plans for priority surface waters that have not been declared impaired.
- f. Aggressively promoting springs water quality restoration.
- g. Adopting policies to support and implement the elimination of septic systems within priority watersheds.
- h. Improving stormwater conveyance and treatment systems to reduce nutrient pollution.
- i. Adopting and implementing a strict fertilizer ordinance, which includes a seasonal ban on application of nitrogen and phosphorus.
- j. Fully supporting and participating in meaningful education and outreach programs to inform citizens about water quality.
- k. Engaging area colleges and universities in advancing the state of our knowledge through research and analysis.

Section III. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

The above and foregoing resolution was moved for approval by Commissioner Engele and seconded by Commissioner Livingston and upon vote subscribed herein, the same was declared to be adopted at this Regular meeting of the City Commission of Oak Hill, Florida held on October 15, 2014.



DOUGLAS A GIBSON, MAYOR

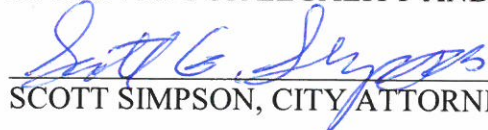
10/29/2014
DATE

ATTEST:



KOHNEVANS, CITY CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

APPROVED FOR LEGALITY AND FORM:



SCOTT SIMPSON, CITY ATTORNEY