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Mr. James Dinneen, County Manager
County of Volusia
123 W. Indiana Avenue
DeLand, Florida 32720

Reference: Correspondence of January 12, 2016, re Proposed Changes to
Volusia County Code of Ordinances Chapter 50: Wetlands

Dear Jim:

Per the referenced correspondence request, we are providing comments on the proposed changes to Chapter 50, Article II, Division 5, Wetlands of the Volusia County Code of Ordinances.

- We do not believe the change will impact us very much, but it does create more red tape for some.
- In order to eliminate the referenced bureaucracy, we suggest the properties along the Halifax that are clearly developed (i.e., areas where soil and hydrology have changed due to construction, fill, seawalls, etc., and consequently no longer qualify under the statutory definition of wetlands) and general part of a larger urban area should NOT be subject to the Priority Review Process and should NOT be required to have a setback of 50 feet as proposed. INSTEAD, these properties should be either a part of the Basic Review, or Intermediate Review Process (setback 25 feet, which matches our City's zoning regulations).

Sincerely,

Michael T. Booker
City Manager

cc:

Mayor and City Council; Fred Hiatt, Director, Community Services
Stewart Cruz, City Planner; Lonnie Groot, City Attorney



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January 12, 2016

Mr. Michael Booker, City Manager
City of Daytona Beach Shores
2990 S. Atlantic Ave.
Daytona Beach Shores, FL 32118

Dear Mr. Booker:

The County of Volusia is currently considering changes to Volusia County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 50, Article II, Division 5, Wetlands. We are soliciting your comments on the proposed changes as this code is an environmental minimum standard and changes will affect the municipalities.

Proposed changes include the adoption of a map identifying wetland review areas throughout the county, and assigning graduated level of review in each area. The draft language and an interactive map showing the proposed review areas can be found at: www.volusia.org/wetlands.

Proposed changes would streamline wetland and buffer permitting by deferring to state processes in many areas. Outstanding Florida Waters and lands adjacent to priority water bodies will continue to require local government review and permitting.

If your city has adopted wetland protection standards, these changes will necessitate amending your local ordinance.

If your city has not previously adopted wetland protection standards, the county will continue to implement our ordinance, as revised, within your jurisdiction. Alternatively, the city has the option of adopting local wetland protection standards that are in compliance with the revised minimum standards.

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We look forward to your feedback, and request comments be provided by February 26, 2016. We also welcome mapping input, including areas of anticipated growth.

County staff will conduct three workshops on the proposed changes. Each workshop will focus on one area: Northeast, Southeast or West Volusia. Please have your staff attend a workshop for additional information. The date(s) and location will be emailed to your office for dissemination. Questions should be directed to Ginger Adair, Environmental Management Director at (386) 736-5927.

Respectfully,



James T. Dinneen
County Manager

c: Daniel Eckert, County Attorney
George Recktenwald, Public Protection Director
Kelli McGee, Growth and Resource Management Director