March 8, 2016
Chairman and County Council
123 W. Indiana Avenue
Deland, FL 32720

RE: Orange City comments on the County’s proposed wetland ordinance.

Chairman Davis,

Thank you for the opportunity to review the County’s proposed wetland ordinance and provide comment. In general, Orange City concurs with the proposed amendment because it aligns the wetland review process with the State for properties within urban area, while protecting the highest quality and functioning wetlands in rural areas adjacent to protected natural resources. Please accept these Orange City comments and include them in the public record.

1. There are two mapping errors in the proposed wetland review map within the City’s urban infill area. These subareas have two wetland review categories highlighted for the same land. Please revise the map to indicate a Basic Review Area category only as presented in the attached map.

2. Revise Sec. 50-211- Buffer location and assessment in the draft amendment to include statement that the buffer in basic review areas is only subject to state permitting requirements.

3. Revise Sec. 50-212-Minimum standards for impacts to a wetland in the draft amendment to include statement that if a wetland in a basic review area is proposed to be impacted by development then it is only subject to state permitting requirements.

4. Revise Sec. 50-213- Minimum standards for impacts to a buffer in the draft amendment to include statement that if a buffer in a basic review area is proposed to be impacted by development then it is only subject to state permitting requirements.

Please contact Becky Mendez, AICP, Development Services Director at (386)775-5418 or by email at bmendez@ourorangecity.com if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Tom Laputka, Mayor

Attachment: City Map
Orange City
Designated Planning Area Boundary
and Wetland Ordinance Review Changes

Legend
- Orange City Limit
- Parcel Polygons
- Designated Planning Area Boundary

Wetland Ordinance Review
- Basic
- Intermediate
- Priority

1 inch = 900 feet