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## Community meeting to discuss DeLeon Springs water quality scheduled for Feb. 24

Volusia County and state officials will engage the community in a discussion of strategies for improving water quality in the DeLeon Springs watershed during a public meeting next Monday, Feb. 24. The meeting will take place at 6 p.m. at the Christian Church of DeLeon Springs, located at 4481 Mills Road.

Designated an Outstanding Florida Spring by the state Legislature in 2016, DeLeon Springs is subject to a state plan calling for the reduction of nutrients that have impaired its water quality. Volusia County has been working on a variety of possible pollutant-reducing strategies and has hired a utility engineering consultant, Jones Edmunds & Associates, Inc., to develop a septic system remediation plan that would achieve wastewater load reductions. One of the potential strategies the county is looking at for reducing pollutants is the extension of utility service to businesses along the S.R. 17-92 corridor in the DeLeon Springs area.

Representatives from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Volusia County's Water Resources and Utilities Division and the county's consultant, Jones Edmunds, will be on hand to discuss the issue and share information displays with the public. Hosted by the DeLeon Springs Community Association, the public information meeting is expected to last approximately two hours.

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