

HALL COUNTY GOVERNMENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 16, 2009

Mayor Myrtle Figueras
City of Gainesville
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Dear Mayor Figueras:

It is our understanding that the City of Gainesville intends to proceed with construction of a water treatment plant at the Cedar Creek Reservoir. We believe that it is may by ill conceived to begin construction on such a plant at that location until we have determined how that plant will function in relation to the Glades Farm Reservoir which is currently in the permitting process.

Water Demand and Capacity Study:

It would seem that any new water treatment plant should be sized to serve both the Cedar Creek and Glades Farm Reservoir. Also, a treatment plant near the Chattahoochee River, close to the Glades Farm Reservoir, has been included in the permit for the Glades Farm Reservoir. AECOM is working at this time to develop a master plan for both water and wastewater demands within the North Hall Water and Sewer Districts for the next 20 to 30 years.

Potential Water Supply Issues:

We need to have an overall understanding of the potential water demands and sources of raw water for North Hall and for all of Hall County considering the uncertainty of the Lake Lanier water withdrawal permit from given Judge Magnuson's recent ruling in regard to the tri-state water rights litigation.

Location and Capacity of the North Hall Water Treatment Plant:

We think it would be most prudent to consider all of the raw water assets that are available in North Hall's two reservoirs before a determination is made as to where the location would be of the next water treatment plant in that area.

North Hall Water Authority:

Joint participation and control of the water resources in the North Hall area is important to ensure the future development of the North Hall water system. As you are aware, Hall County controls the water withdrawal permit for the Cedar Creek Reservoir. I propose that we work quickly to develop an overall North Hall Water Master Plan and a North Hall Water Authority to implement the findings of such a plan so that it is clear how Gainesville and Hall County can best work together to combine Gainesville's water distribution system with Hall County's raw water assets in both the proposed Glades Farm Reservoir and the Cedar Creek Reservoir.

I would like to schedule a meeting between two council members and two commissioners with appropriate staff to discuss an authority to govern the water distribution and raw water treatment in the North Hall Area.

Sincerely,



Tom Oliver, Chairman
Hall County Commission



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