



# Killeam Lakes Plantation

## Homeowner's Association

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Mr Tony Parks  
Director Leon County Public Works Center  
2280 Miccosukee Road  
Tallahassee Florida 32308

*Subject: Killeam Lakes Restoration Florida Forever Grant*  
Project Name Killeam Lakes Plantation Restoration. Clean Lakes Project  
Grantee Leon County  
Administered by the Killeam Lakes Plantation Homeowner's Association  
(KLHOA)

Dear Mr Parks

The project is an effort by The Northwest Florida Water Management District Leon County and the KLHOA to address deteriorating water quality in Lake Iamonia, an impaired water. The project involves sediment removal best management practices implementation and education outreach. We have made considerable progress in meeting the goals of this grant.

At this time the sediment removal is complete while the education component is ongoing. We have removed sediment from Lake Blue Heron and created four sumps to clean five major inflows to the lake. The Educational Program has held numerous outreach activities and workshops. It has even worked with local schools to create drain covers that will increase awareness and decrease the influx of degrading stormwater. The educational efforts are documented on the project website (<http://www.killeamlakes.org/index.htm>)

BMP implementation is not complete because current weather conditions have prohibited the planting of beneficial aquatic vegetation. This aspect of the grant will have a positive impact on water quality. As you are aware we have been experiencing severe drought conditions in the northern part of Leon County which has prevented the lake from refilling. We need to place aquatic plants as buffers in the littoral zone of the lake once it fills. However, we cannot do this under such conditions. Anything we plant now will die before taking root. Most of the remaining BMP activities of the grant involve aquatic

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plants We are hoping for better weather conditions in the future so the planting can be completed in the spring. One of the major objectives of this study is to "assess the results of lake restoration activities " For the same reasons, we are also unable to complete the water quality monitoring that would show the effectiveness of this project. Lake Blue Heron needs to refill before the final monitoring can be accomplished. Once the shoreline vegetation and buffers are established the final monitoring can be accomplished during the summer months

In order to complete the work on this grant we are requesting an extension of the Killearn Lakes Florida Forever Grant which is due to expire on November 30 2007 In order to complete the aquatic vegetation planting and ensure an adequate time to monitor the quality of the water once the plants have been firmly established, we are requesting an extension through at least July 31 2008 the contract expiration date of the contract between County and The NFWFMD Your prompt attention to this request would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



F W Heiman, President  
Killearn Lakes Homeowner's Association, Inc

Attachment: "The Plan"

Cc District 4 Commissioner Bryan Desloge