

**LEON COUNTY COUNTYWIDE CITIZENS**  
**ADVISORY WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**2010 Annual Report**

The By-Laws of the Leon County Water Resources Citizens Committee state that “It shall be the duty of the Water Resources Committee to consider the values provided to the public by the various lakes and related water resources of Leon County, including groundwater, and to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners policies, regulations, management activities and long-term funding strategies that protect or enhance these values. In assessing these values, the Committee also proposes to consider the various impacts to these resources from accelerated runoff, including flooding and surface and groundwater degradation. Last, to better accomplish these tasks the Committee proposes to consider an ecosystems approach wherever applicable.”

Significant actions and other activities taken by the Committee in 2010 are listed below by meeting dates.

Date    Action

- 1/11: The Water Resources Committee (WRC) selected several proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments for further review at their regular meeting in February. Neil Fleckenstein, representing the Red Hills Conservation Program at the Tall Timbers Research Station, gave a presentation to the committee on conservation subdivisions in other parts of the U.S. A question and answer session followed the presentation, but no actions were taken by the Committee.
- 2/01: Planning staff made a brief presentation on Cycle 2010-2 proposed comprehensive plan amendment PCT100207 (revising the Sanitary Sewer Sub-element of the utilities element). The Committee suggested several changes to this proposed amendment.
- Sean McGlynn presented the Leon County Science Advisory Committee’s (SAC) follow-up Summary Statement to the Board following the Lake Munson Workshop held on June 26, 2009. The Summary Statement addresses periodic drawdowns for the restoration and protection for Lake Munson. Following a review of this Statement, the Committee voted to send a letter to the Board supporting the proposed drawdown of Lake Munson as advised by SAC, and further recommending that this drawdown be implemented as soon as possible, given appropriate weather and other conditions.
- 3/01: The Committee reviewed revisions to Cycle 2010-2 Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment PCT100207 and voted to send a letter to the Board expressing their recommendations for this amendment.
- 4/05: The Committee reviewed its goals and objectives for 2010, and heard presentations on a County committee to review proposed ordinance changes affecting household and other septic tanks, and the status of the County’s efforts to address the proposed restoration of Lake Munson.

- 5/03: Planning staff presented a status report on Cycle 2010-2 Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment PCT100207, including the recommendations made by the Committee in a letter of support to the Board addressing this amendment. Following discussion, the Committee voted to send a letter to the Board supporting the staff recommendation to postpone the recommendations addressing package plants and on-site systems serving cluster parcels to the next amendment cycle.

County Public Works staff updated the Committee on the County's efforts to manage Lake Munson, including the proposed drawdown of the lake in 2010. Following discussion, the Committee recommended that staff create a water quality sampling program for the purpose of monitoring progress on the drawdown and management of Lake Munson.

- 6/07: No meeting was held in June.

- 7/12: Pam Hall presented a set of proposed recommendations to the Committee created by the County's Septic System Loan and Inspection Programs Planning Committee. The Committee voted to approve the recommendations with additions.

Planning staff presented a report on a mapping issue discovered within the Bradford Brook Chain of Lakes Special Development Zone (SDZ), including several recommendations to resolve this issue. Following discussion, the Committee provided comments to staff. Staff also updated the Committee on a planning exercise requested by the Board regarding the ongoing oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, and County Public Works staff updated the Committee on the County's management efforts addressing Lake Munson.

- 8/02: Planning staff updated the Committee on the Cycle 2011-1 Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment Addressing Urban Fringe and Conservation Subdivisions Review. This update included the proposed schedule, the objectives of the proposed amendment, the proposed text changes, and a discussion followed among the Committee members.

County Public Works staff updated the Committee on the County's Lake Munson management activities. In response to the Committee's recommendation that the County conduct monitoring of water and sediments to gauge the effect of the drawdown upon the ecological health of the lake and its waters, staff informed the Committee that the State of Florida tests fish, not the local government, and that the County will conduct limited upstream and downstream water sampling and analysis.

- 9/08: Robert McGarrah, Interim General Manager – Electric Utility, updated the Committee on the City's Lake Talquin Dam/ Corn Hydro Spillway project.

- 10/04: No meeting was held in October.

- 11/01: No meeting was held in November.

- 12/06: City Utilities staff provided a status update on the Responsible Management Entity study. Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency staff presented information on the ongoing Woodville Highway Corridor Study (South). County Public Works staff reported on the effort to organize a field trip to Lake Munson to see the water drawdown, and also reported the status of the lake management process.