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Ms. Busby,

I am a resident of Oak Hill, who was at the meeting yesterday in New Smyrna, and have just recently become aware of the Reasonable Action Plan. I have a few concerns and questions about the plan.

First let me tell you that I am a recent transplant to Florida, from New Jersey where I have spent most of my life as a passionate fisherman, who is keenly aware of the decline in the aquatic environment throughout the world as I knew it. I began "snow birding" to Florida about 10 years ago after my wife and I retired. About 5 years ago I took a trip onto Mosquito Lagoon in the area of Edgewater for the first time with a friend who introduced me to the possibilities of shallow water flats fishing. During that trip I saw crystal clear water with abundant grass flats, alive with all sorts of sea life including rays, crabs, and redfish and sea trout almost everywhere I looked. During this brief 2 hour adventure I learned that all I needed to do to catch a few fish was locate the grass beds to find catchable fish. At this time I also decided that this was a good place to spend the later years of my life. I bought a flats skiff boat, and about 2 years ago purchased a home in the community of Lighthouse Cove, located on Mosquito Lagoon in Oak Hill.

In the few short years, since I bought my new house, I have found that the waters of Mosquito Lagoon are no longer the paradise I thought I had moved into. I can no longer find the abundant areas of sea grass, in the exact areas I had explored a few seasons ago. The once clear water is so stained with algae that I can no longer see the now bare bottom of the lagoon in 1 foot deep water. Along with this drastic change in the sea grass and water clarity I am finding it extremely more difficult to locate catchable fish on my nearly weekly trips.

As for my questions concerning the reasonable assurance plan, there were many things I don't fully understand. After doing some research on the Internet I found a document titled "Use of Reasonable Assurance Plans as Alternatives to TMDLs" which contained much if not all of the data presented at yesterday's meeting. Within this document under, the section of "project options overview" there are several items which I would like more detailed information on exactly what they are. For example I would like more information on the definition of "borrow pits, bio reactor, and BAM outfall" when talking about this particular field of endeavor (in layman's terms if possible). I am especially interested

know more about what “treatment facilities” are, as described in this document’s options overview.

I am particularly interested in the option titled “Lighthouse Cove Treatment Facility” because the photograph of the proposed location of this facility also includes my house. Is this a treatment facility to remove harmful nutrients from the watershed, or a sewage treatment facility being proposed?

Another question I have is if, where, and when there may be other public meetings regarding this issue, so I may attend. One comment I have is that any future meetings held should occur during weekend, or evening hours so that more working people might attend. My observation of yesterday’s meeting is that the overwhelming majority of the individuals attending the meeting were most likely being paid, as part of their jobs, to attend. This comment is not being made as a slight to those individuals in any way but to emphasize the need to hold these meetings at a time to inform more of the public at large of this extremely important issue.

I appreciate your consideration of my concerns, and invite you to feel free to contact me with any questions or answers you may have of me.

Sincerely,
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