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SUBJECT: City of Tallahassee Submittal of 4e Applications for WBIDs 647C and 647F

This correspondence is submitted on behalf of the City of Tallahassee (City) in response to the 2012 draft lists of impaired waters for Cycle 3 of the Group 1 basins. The City is submitting 4e applications for both WBIDs 647C (Lake Killarney) and 647F (Lake Kanturk) for the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to consider reassigning the Integrated Assessment Category from 5 to 4e for these waterbodies. Because these two WBIDs are essentially all part of one shallow wetland system, both of the applications are, for the most part, identical and refer to the same restoration activity. Per the suggestion of DEP to submit a 4e application for these WBIDs, the City agrees that at this time, the most efficient approach to reducing pollutant loading to this system will center on non-structural BMPs (e.g. load reduction through public education, public outreach and improved waterfront and waterbody management).

If approved by DEP, the City is proposing an intensive education and outreach campaign that will include 2 years of focused, activities with residents and businesses within the affected watersheds. In conjunction with the public education campaign, the project would include three years of assessment monitoring along with additional water quality and hydrological data collection and pre and post-campaign public information surveys to determine the level of performance achieved. This campaign would be independent of the City's Think About Personal Pollution (TAPP) program as it would target the residents and businesses in the approximately 5,000 acre group of watersheds and WBIDs that potentially impact WBIDs 647C and 647F. The project theme will be developed to provide a unique, personal branding and messaging for this specific area. It has been noted through TAPP assessments that although City-wide the program has been effective in reducing nutrients and other pollutant loadings, this proposed project target area, which is within the Lake Lafayette Basin, has displayed the lowest level of

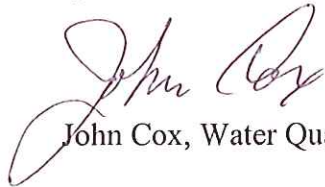
participation in changing behaviors due to TAPP. This basin also shows the highest level of residents that fertilize their lawns. Therefore, to increase pollutant reductions in this target area, a new, comprehensive program is needed to reach out to the communities to create awareness of the water quality issues and promote changes in behaviors.

The City hopes that DEP will recognize the proactive nature of this unique restoration activity as both agencies are aware that this project would be the essence of Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP) activities that would be required 5-10 years from now, should these WBIDs remain in the Integrated Assessment Category 5. If DEP elects to propose that these WBIDs should remain in the Integrated Assessment Category 5 for the draft verified list, the City requests that DEP address the concerns stated in the August 3, 2012 letter to DEP regarding the applicability of the assessment of these waterbodies.

Should you have any questions regarding these comments, please to contact me at 850-891-6867 or Catherine Bray at 850-891-6853.

Respectfully,

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