

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE: Application for certificate to provide
wastewater service in Charlotte County by
Environmental Utilities, LLC

Docket No.: 20200226-SU

DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

LINDA COTHERMAN

Pro Se Intervenor

1 **Q. Please state your name, position and address.**

2 A. My name is Linda Cotherman and I reside at 50 Gasparilla Way, Don Pedro Island. My
3 mailing address is P.O. Box 881, Placida, FL 33946.

4 **Q. Are you representing yourself in this Administrative Hearing?**

5 A. Yes.

6 **Q. Are you providing expert testimony?**

7 A. Yes, under Fla. Stat. 90.702 of the Florida statutes. Linda B. Cotherman possesses the
8 unique quality of having approximately 45 years of professional and business
9 experience that is germane to this project and the applicant. (See Exhibit LBC-1 "CV
10 of Linda B. Cotherman" and Exhibit LBC-2 "Witness Reports and Testimony")

11 **Q. Have you found any discrepancies, inaccuracies or missing information in the
12 original application for certification by EU?**

13 A. Yes. (See Exhibit LBC-3 "List of Discrepancies, Inaccuracies and Missing Information
14 in the Application for Original Certificate by Environmental Utilities, LLC").

15 **Q. Have any of the owners of Environmental Utilities, LLC (John R. Boyer and Diane
16 Kay Boyer) made a similar application to the Florida Public Service Commission
17 in the past?**

18 A. Yes, in July of 2003. (See docket number 20020745-SU)

19 **Q. Have any of the issues associated with the prior application changed materially
20 since the Applicant withdrew the previous application in 2004?**

21 A. No. The same issues remain, which are:

22 a. The proposed service area is not in compliance with the Charlotte County
23 Comprehensive Plan.

24 b. Neither the applicant nor its principals have experience in wastewater system
25 installation and management.

1 c. The management of an active water utility by Environmental Utilities’ principals has
2 incurred violations with DEP and Charlotte County since 2004.

3 d. The financial ability of the applicant has not been provided to indicate the applicant
4 can successfully construct and maintain a project of this magnitude.

5 **Q. Is there a need for service?**

6 A. There is no demonstrable need for service shown by the applicant. (See Exhibit LBC-
7 3 “List of Discrepancies, Inaccuracies and Missing Information in the Application for
8 Original Certificate by Environmental Utilities, LLC”)

9 **Q. Has the applicant shown technical ability?**

10 A. No. The owner of the utility had the opportunity to gain experience since the initial
11 application in 2003 but did not use the time to accomplish this.

12 **Q. Are there any other utilities in proximity to the proposed service area that could
13 provide central sewer?**

14 A. Yes. (See Exhibit LBC-4 “List of Other Issues and Concerns Regarding the Application
15 for Original Certificate by Environmental Utilities, LLC”)

16 **Q. Are the proposed rates and tariffs fair and equitable?**

17 A. That has yet to be determined. The figures submitted were pro forma without any
18 substantiating documents. The rates and charges that were submitted do not account
19 for the full range of costs associated with a project of this scope. (See Exhibit LBC-4
20 “List of Other Issues and Concerns Regarding the Application for Original Certificate
21 by Environmental Utilities, LLC”)

22 **Q. Are there any other issues or concerns you wish to address?**

23 A. Yes. (See Exhibit LBC-4 “List of Other Issues and Concerns Regarding the
24 Application for Original Certificate by Environmental Utilities, LLC”)

25 **Q. Have the exhibits LBC-1 through LBC-4 been prepared by you?**

1 A. Yes.

2 **Q. Do these exhibits accurately support and express your opinions in this matter?**

3 A. Yes.

4 **Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?**

5 A. Yes, it does.

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—○ **LINDA B. COTHERMAN** ○—
GENERAL CONTRACTOR, RESEARCH AND PERMITTING SPECIALIST

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PROFILE

Florida State Certified General Contractor License # CGC018538
Linda B. Cotherman has over 45 years of experience in permitting, architectural design, surveying, project management and engineering, inspections, eminent domain, best use planning, green sustainable planning, business, finances, budgeting and all aspects of land and building development and contracting.

SKILLS

- DESIGN OF ON-SITE SEPTIC SYSTEMS
- CONSTRUCTION
- PERMITTING
- RESEARCH
- LOGISTICS
- UTILITY & BUILDING INSPECTIONS

EXPERIENCE

On-Site Septic Systems, Central Sewer Systems, General Contracting Design and Construction

1976-Present

Owner/President, Linda B. Cotherman Permitting
Owner/President Core General Contracting
Owner/President Gulf Shore Contracting
Bowie Urban Planners (AICP)
Weiler Engineering
Giffels-Webster Engineering
Land Surveying, Inc.
Artistix Design and Drafting

RESPONSIBILITIES: Design of on-site septic systems, inspections of central sewer systems, feasibility studies for development, budgeting, scheduling, all aspects of project management and engineering coordination which included research, permitting, and coordinating with the following governmental agencies and/or departments:

Southwest Florida Water Management District, Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Environmental Resources/Department of Environmental Protection, Charlotte County Zoning Department, Charlotte County Building Department, Lee County Building Department, Charlotte County Natural Resources Division, Charlotte County Community Development Division, Florida State Submerged Land Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund (comprised of the Florida Governor and Cabinet)

EDUCATION

PARALEGAL DEGREE

Associate of Arts Degree from Florida Southwestern State College.

TRAINING & EDUCATION

University of Hawaii, SUNY at Buffalo, Edison Jr. College, Manatee Jr. College

WITNESS REPORTS AND TESTIMONY
PROVIDED BY LINDA B. COTHERMAN

BEFORE:

- State of Florida Submerged Land Board of Trustees of the internal improvement trust fund (Comprised of Governor Jeb Bush and the Cabinet)
- The Florida Public Service Commission
- Charlotte County Planning & Zoning Board
- Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners
- Charlotte County Property Appraiser's Special Master
- The 20th Judicial Court both in Lee and Charlotte County (routine appearances)

List of Discrepancies, Inaccuracies and Missing Information in the application for original certificate by Environmental Utilities, LLC

1. Part II, Item A ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE REQUESTING INITIAL RATES indicates that “Potable water service to various parts of the proposed service area is provided by Charlotte County, Little Gasparilla Water Utility, Inc., Bocilla Utilities inc. and Knight Island utilities, Inc.” This statement requires updating and verification since the service area has been changed.
2. Part II B. FINANCIAL ABILITY (1) Exhibit “A” does not appear to be a “detailed financial statement (balance sheet and income statement)” as requested to be provided.
3. Part II B. FINANCIAL ABILITY (2) Exhibit “B” is not a list of all or even any entities upon which the applicant is relying to provide funding. The entire submission consists of a letter issued by Centennial Bank “for discussion purposes only” and is not a commitment to lend. No state or federal grants were identified in the response. The availability of state or federal grants is questionable for a private utility installing central sewer on a bridgeless barrier island. (See LBC-4 “List of Other Issues and Concerns” Item 5. Availability of state funds and federal grants.)
4. Part II C. TECHNICAL ABILITY (1) No statement or exhibit has been submitted to indicate that the applicant has any technical ability to install and operate a central wastewater system.
5. Part II D. NEED FOR SERVICE (1) Exhibit “C.” The applicant provided a limited narrative without documentation to discuss the need for service. The narrative depends primarily on the Sewer Master Plan. However, there are multiple discrepancies and inaccuracies in the Sewer Master Plan which is the underlying document.
 - a. Three criteria were cited by EU as they appeared in the Sewer Master Plan. The three criteria are as follows: a. Proximity to water b. Age of Septic Systems and c. Nitrogen loading. No data was provided to substantiate items 2 and 3.

Item 1 (a.) **Proximity to Water.** Based on data from FDEP, there were 2,779 wastewater spills reported in Florida in 2019.

<https://prodenv.dep.state.fl.us/DepPNP/reports/exportIncidents>

The reported data indicates that the risk and likelihood of a central sewer spill poses a greater danger to public health and water quality than the environmental hazard of an on-site septic system close to the water. If Charlotte County considered the use of septic systems as a public health and/or water quality issue, they have the authority to place a moratorium on installation or deny permitting of septic systems until such time as central sewer is available. In fact, the County continues to issue permits for septic systems in the proposed EU area.

Item 2 (b.) **Age of Septic Systems:** The Plan depicts the Barrier Islands as having an average age of septic tanks as between 26 and 40 years old. This was based on now outdated information. County records show that in fact many of the older, existing septic

List of Discrepancies (cont'd)

septic systems on Don Pedro and Knight Islands have been replaced or upgraded within the past 6 years. In addition, there has been new construction on these Islands which incorporate state of the art septic systems at great expense to the homeowners.

Item 3 (c.) **Nitrogen Loading:** What was provided in the Plan was an arbitrary rating system, which had neither testing data nor the attendant documentation from any location near the proposed service area. In the Plan, reference is made to data coming from other agencies, and “Researchers estimate” of nitrogen effluent loads were used.

- b. In addition, the Plan acknowledges that septic systems will be used in various areas of the County under the jurisdiction of the governmental permitting agencies. Charlotte County continues to permit new construction that utilizes individual on-site septic tanks.

Some of the inaccuracies in the Sewer Master Plan, on which the applicant’s narrative is based, include the incorrect identification of the names of the Islands and where they are located. For example, the “Capital Improvements Project Information Sheet” identifies the project name as “W-2 Don Pedro”. However, the area outlined on the map is not the W-2 project area, which is titled “Knight Island Utilities, Inc. Wastewater Treatment Plant.” The description on the information sheet also identifies W-2 as the Knight Island Utilities, Inc. package plant. The boundary lines appear to be incorrect. (See attached Exhibit LBC-3. Page 4 of 5 “Capital Improvements Project Information Sheet”)

- c. The individual houses and lots in the proposed service area were not included in the capital improvement projects as part of the 5-year plan in the Sewer Master Plan. The two private utilities, Knight Island Utilities, Inc. on Knight Island and Hideaway Bay Beach Club Condo wastewater treatment plant on Little Gasparilla Island, were identified as high-priority targets for central sewer installation within the 5-year portion of the Sewer Master Plan, but only at the utilities’ owners requests. A meeting was held on February 1, 2021 with island stakeholders and Charlotte County officials including Commissioner Bill Truex and Craig Rudy, director of Charlotte County Utilities. It was indicated that the County had established their own priorities when looking at directing funding for the Sewer Master Plan projects. Commissioner Truex stated that “There is no deadline of 2022 to sewer the area” referring to the bridgeless barrier islands. He went on to say “The most prominent polluters have been identified and prioritized for the next 10 years by Charlotte County. The area is not in this group.” He clearly stated the islands were not on the County’s high priority list, indicating that the County had no intention of addressing them within the 5-year window.
6. Part II D. NEED FOR SERVICE (1) Exhibit “C” (a) is completely lacking in any information requested in item “(a)”, and the information provided is inconsistent with the testimony of Deborah Swain.
 7. Part II D. NEED FOR SERVICE (1) Exhibit “C” (b) “A copy of all requests for service...” was not included with Exhibit “C”.

List of Discrepancies (cont'd)

8. Part II D. NEED FOR SERVICE (1) Exhibit “C” (c) The land use designated on the application is incorrect. On the application, the land use is identified as “Compact Growth Mixed Use” on the barrier islands. However, the correct designation is “Coastal Residential” with a “Bridgeless Barrier Island” zoning designation. For this reason, a Comprehensive Land Use Plan amendment will be necessary. (Exhibit LBC-3. Page 5 of 5 “FLU Table A1: Future Land Use Designations”)
9. Part II D. NEED FOR SERVICE (1) Exhibit “C” (d) The applicant stated “None” with respect to land use restrictions, when in fact there are land use restrictions and environmental restrictions in the Charlotte County Comprehensive Plan and Charlotte County Zoning ordinances.
10. Part II D. NEED FOR SERVICE (2) Exhibit “__”. No exhibit was provided with the application and the statement that “Applicant anticipates beginning to serve customers in December 2022” needs to be updated based on current projections.
11. Part II E. TERRITORY DESCRIPTION, MAPS, AND FACILITIES (3) Exhibit “F” System Map Keymap. The territory area indicated to be served by EU is already in the Charlotte County Utilities certificated area and a part of the northern portion of the proposed area is already physically being served by Knight Island Utilities, Inc. (KIU).

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET

Project Name: W2 - Don Pedro

Predecessor CIP: W-UTLCON-DP, W-FM-10

Project Area Served: W2

DESCRIPTION: This project includes the connection of a private utility's service area. The existing sewer system infrastructure will be used for wastewater collection. The existing WWTP will be converted to a pump station and the force main identified in the predecessor CIP will be used to convey wastewater flows to the existing system.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETAILS

Overall Impact Score
4.4/5.0

Nitrogen Load Reduction
8,500 pounds per year

PROJECT NEED

- Reduce nitrogen loading to environment
- Increase capacity to accommodate design flows
- Reduce O&M requirements

EST. CONSTRUCTION TIME

Start: Year 6
End: Year 7

PROJECT DETAILS

West County

No. of Occupied Lots
261

No. of Vacant Lots
168

No. of Total Lots
429

PROJECT COMPONENTS

- Pump Station
- Force Mains
- Vacuum Mains
- Low Pressure Mains
- Gravity Mains



Expenditure Plan (\$1000)

	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Total
Professional Services	630	252	252			1,134
Land (or ROW)	30					30
Construction Cost		2,568	2,568			5,136
Total Project Cost	660	2,820	2,820			6,300

(Costs expressed in 2017 dollars)

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FLU Table A-1: Future Land Use Designations		
*Future Land Use Map Category	Abbrev.	Location Permitted
Rural Community Mixed Use	RCMU	Rural Service Area
U.S. 41 Mixed Use	41MU	Urban Service Area
Charlotte Harbor Mixed Use	CHMU	CHCRA
Murdock Village Mixed Use	MVMU	Murdock Village Community Redevelopment Area
Babcock Mixed Use	BMU	Babcock Ranch Overlay District
Other		
Public Lands & Facilities	PL	County-wide
Inactive Land Uses		
Rural Estate Residential	RER	County-wide
Charlotte Harbor Industrial	CHI	CHCRA
RV Park	RVP	Urban Service Area
Coastal Residential	CR	Rural Service Area – Bridgeless Barrier Islands

*There are some lands in the Rural Service Area designated with Future Land Use Map categories that are shown as being permitted only within the Urban Service Area. These designations existed as such prior to the adoption of this Plan or were placed within the Rural Service Area as a result of the adoption of this Plan. These lands may develop in accordance with existing FLUM and Zoning; however, under no circumstances can property in the Rural Service Area be amended to an Urban Service Area category.

In addition, the FLUM denotes a Conservation Overlay that identifies lands that are publicly owned conservation lands as well as privately owned lands that are encumbered by a conservation easement. The Conservation Overlay is not a future land use designation and is illustrated for informational purposes only. The Conservation Overlay has no regulatory authority under this Plan or the FLUM.

The official Future Land Use Map Series depicts the overlays identified in FLU Table A-2 and FLU Table A-3.

FLU Table A-2: Land Use Overlays		
Districts	Abbrev.	Type Area
Watershed Overlay District	WOD	Overlay Area
Surface Water Protection Overlay District	SWPOD	Overlay Area
Barrier Island Overlay District	BIOD	Overlay Area
U.S. 41 Overlay District	41OD	Overlay Area
Rural Settlement Area Overlay District	RSAOD	Overlay Area

FLU Table A-3: Policy Overlays		
Districts	Abbrev.	Type Area
Babcock Ranch Overlay District	BROD	Overlay Area
Burnt Store Area Overlay District	BSAOD	Overlay Area

List of Other Issues and Concerns Regarding the Application for Original Certificate by Environmental Utilities, LLC

This project is proposed for a bridgeless barrier island consisting of Knight Island, Don Pedro Island and Little Gasparilla Island. This requires special consideration of the many unique characteristics of the area, and the challenges it poses for project planning and logistics.

1. **Additional costs to homeowners required to complete hook-up to EU equipment.**

Beyond the connection cost imposed by the utility, homeowners will need to acquire the following:

- Electric meter
- Electrical contractor to hook up electric meter
- The cost of the electricity to run the pump
- Back-up generator in the event of power outages lasting more than a few hours, due to the minimal capacity of the tank.
- Any costs associated with access for the both the installation of the utility's equipment and the demolition of the septic system i.e. tree and vegetation removal. Many lots in the area have significant older growth trees and other impediments that potentially hinder the access for the installation of the new equipment and the crush and fill of the septic tank. Depending on each property, this can be a substantial financial burden to the homeowner.

2. **Environmental impact.** The islands are home to a large number of gopher tortoises, a threatened species, with numerous laws, protocols and procedures to protect them. There have been no environmental impact studies accomplished to address this issue, which could impact the cost, time and location of the project significantly. A survey by a qualified party to locate tortoises and their burrows for a single property 80' x 125' costs upwards of \$1500.00. In addition, if a burrow or multiple burrows are found, additional costs are incurred to dig up the burrow and identify if the burrow is an active one. If active, the tortoises must be relocated. The cost subsequent to the survey can be considerable, as charges can be up to \$2,000.00 per tortoise relocation.

3. **Water Resource Caution Area reuse feasibility study.** Per Florida Department of Environmental Protection, "The Department uses the designation in wastewater facility permitting, wastewater facilities within, discharging into, or serving a population within a Water Resource Caution area are required to conduct a reuse feasibility study in order to obtain a permit." (See Exhibit LBC-4. Page 4 of 13 "Florida Water Resource Caution Area" and LBC-4. Page 5 of 13 "Map of FL Water Resource Caution Area") The bridgeless barrier islands of Don Pedro, Knight and Little Gasparilla are within the water resource caution area. The applicant has not conducted a feasibility study, which will add to the cost of the project's overall budget and will potentially increase the connection charges.

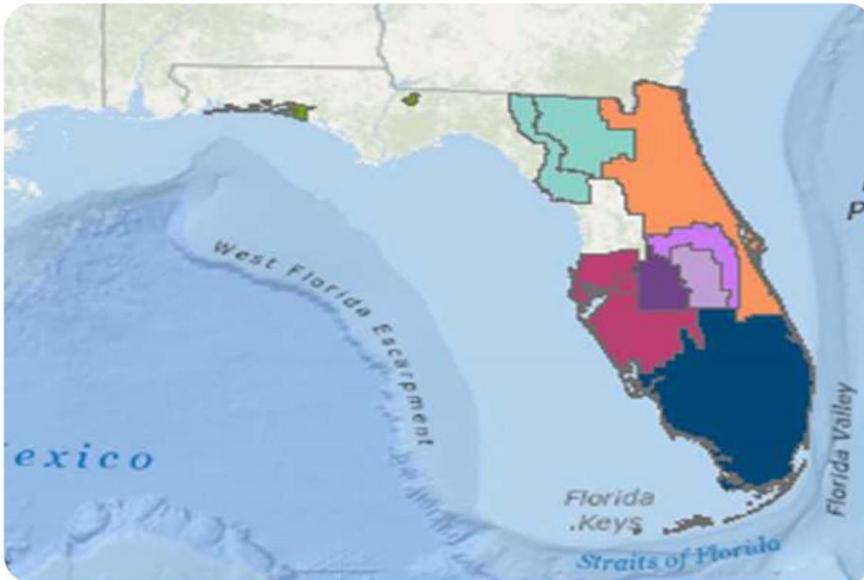
List of Other Issues and Concerns (cont'd)

4. **Meter reading and billing by EU.** Knight Island and Don Pedro Island have water meters that are owned Bocilla Utilities, Inc., a private water utility serving these islands. EU has not provided information as to how the sewage flow would be metered and billed. If EU needs to provide its own meters to Knight Island and Don Pedro Island, then the project cost will increase.
5. **Availability of state funds and federal grants.** In 1981, Governor Bob Graham directed state funds and federal grants away from the barrier islands to discourage development to protect the environment. Executive Order Number #1-105 suggests that state and federal grants should not be available for infrastructure on a barrier island. "Such funds shall not be used to subsidize growth or post disaster redevelopment in hazardous coastal barrier areas." (See Exhibit LBC-4. Pages 6,7 of 13 "Executive Order Number 81-105")
6. **Discrepancy in number of ERCs and GPDs reported.** There is a discrepancy between the ERC count and the GPDs cited in the documents submitted by EU.
7. **Easements that would encumber properties.** A utility easement will be required for each property served by EU. Other utilities' equipment is usually located in a dedicated easement or road right-of-way, with the owner held responsible for connecting the home on the property to the equipment in the dedicated easement. This applicant is requiring new easements on each property containing the utility's equipment (tank, pump and line) located near the house. The effluent line going from the tank to the right-of-way must cross the yard to make the connection. According to the tariffs submitted by EU, (see Exhibit LBC-4. Page 8 "Wastewater Tariff") the customer shall grant the required easement without compensation. This easement will encumber each property and affect the private property rights of the owners with no compensation.
8. **Emergency response to a malfunction of equipment or sewer spill.** Access to the bridgeless barrier islands is via private ferries that do not run 24/7 or in inclement weather. Any planning or development of a central sewer system will need to address and accommodate for this limited access.
9. **Established wastewater utility in close proximity to proposed service area.** Knight Island, Don Pedro Island and Little Gasparilla Island are all in the certificated area of Charlotte County Utilities (CCU). Therefore, Charlotte County Utilities is already established as a wastewater management provider for the Islands. (See Exhibit LBC-4. Page 9 of 13 "Supporting Policy and Analysis Map Series, Map #86" from the Charlotte County Comprehensive Plan)

List of Other Issues and Concerns (cont'd)

10. **Little Gasparilla Water Utility unpaid property taxes.** Properties owned by Little Gasparilla Water Utility, Inc. are derelict in their tax payments, and tax certificates have been issued for a number of years. These properties include 9652 Privateer Road and 9370 Little Gasparilla Island. (See Exhibit LBC-4. Pages 10,11,12,13 “Little Gasparilla Water Tax Records.”)

11. **On-Site Septic Systems acceptable to FDEP and EPA.** Under Governor DeSantis, oversight for on-site septic systems was transferred from the Florida Department of Health to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency all agree that properly designed, constructed and maintained on-site septic systems are a viable method of sewage treatment and do not endanger the public.



Florida Water Resource Caution Areas (WRCA)



FDEP Open Data

Administrator

Florida Department of

Environmental Protection

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Summary

To help the public and permitting personnel determine if a region, area or specific property is within Florida Water Management District designated Water Resource Caution Area (WRCA), pursuant to section 62-40.520(2), F.A.C. as adopted in Chapter 40A-2.801, F.A.C. and subject to the provisions of section 373.064(2), F.S. or applicable district consumptive use permitting rules.

Water Management Districts in Florida are mandated by the Florida Statutes to ensure adequate supply of water and water resources for all citizens and natural features, provide protection and improvement of natural systems and water quality, minimize harm to water resources, and promote the reuse of reclaimed water. Water Management Districts have the regulatory authority for well construction and consumptive use permitting. The Department of Environmental Protection has regulatory authority over wastewater facilities. Florida Water Management District Governing Board Boards are required to conduct regional water supply planning for areas where existing water sources are insufficient to meet projected 20-year demands. Those areas are also to be designated as Water Resource Caution Areas, either by rule if the district uses the designation in its consumptive use permitting program, or in its Regional Water Supply Plan if it does not. The Department uses the designation in wastewater facility permitting. Wastewater facilities within, discharging into, or serving a population within a Water Resource Caution area are required to conduct a reuse feasibility study in order to obtain a permit. For more information follow these links: Florida Office of Water Policy <https://floridadep.gov/water-policy> Water Management Districts <http://www.nfwmd.state.fl.us>, <http://www.srwmd.state.fl.us>, <http://www.sjrwmd.com>, <http://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us>, <http://www.sfwmd.gov> Section 40A-2.801 FAC <http://florida.eregulations.us/rule/40a-2.801>

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Division of Water Resource Management (DWRM)

Florida Department of Environmental Protection Geospatial Open Data

Florida Water Resource Caution Areas (WRCA)

12 records

Authoritative

FDEP Open Data Administrator
 Florida Department of Environmental Protection

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Map labels: Lemon Bay, Gasparilla Island, Gasparilla Sound

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WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State of Florida to protect and manage Florida's extensive, fragile coastal resources, in order to enhance the recreational, scientific, economic and natural resource values, for both present and future Floridians; and

WHEREAS, coastal barriers, which include barrier islands, beaches, and related lands, are essential to the maintenance of these coastal resources; and

WHEREAS, these coastal barriers serve to reduce Florida's extensive vulnerability to natural hazards, particularly hurricanes, thereby reducing the ever-present threat to human life, private and public property, and other resources in the coastal areas; and

WHEREAS, these coastal barriers are vulnerable to hurricanes, other storm damage and geologic composition, and are continuously altered by wave, tidal, and wind actions; and

WHEREAS, these coastal barriers are a source of beauty and enjoyment, in addition to contributing billions of dollars to the State's economy annually; and

WHEREAS, past utilization of coastal barriers often has not taken place in a manner consistent with public safety and economic welfare; and

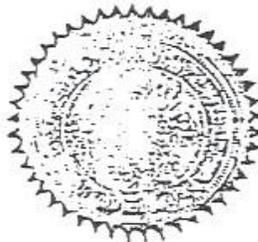
WHEREAS, certain State actions, programs, and funding policies have historically subsidized and encouraged development on coastal barriers resulting in a loss of barrier resources, increased vulnerability of human life, health, and property and the recurring obligation of tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature, the Governor, the Cabinet, and various state agencies have recognized the importance of protecting these critical coastal areas and sought to manage these resources in a manner consistent with the principles of public safety, economic development, and resources management;

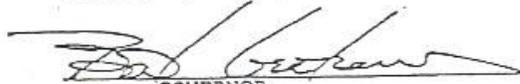
NOW, THEREFORE, I, BOB GRAHAM, as Governor and Chief Executive of the State of Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State, do hereby issue the following order effective immediately:

The Secretaries of the Departments of Commerce, Environmental Regulation, Health and Rehabilitative Services, Transportation, Veteran and Community Affairs and the Director of the Governor's Office of Planning and Budgeting are directed to take the following actions as applicable to their agencies:

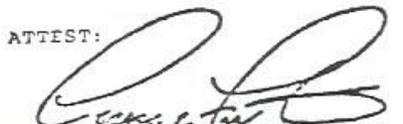
1. Give coastal barriers, which include barrier islands, beaches and related lands, high consideration in existing state land acquisition programs and priority in the development of future acquisition programs.
2. Direct state funds and federal grants for coastal barrier projects only in those coastal areas which can accomodate growth, where there is need and desire for economic development, or where potential danger to human life and property from natural hazards is minimal. Such funds shall not be used to subsidize growth or post disaster redevelopment in hazardous coastal barrier areas. Specific consideration shall be given to the impacts of proposed development or redevelopment with respect to hazard mitigation.
3. Encourage, in cooperation with local governments, appropriate growth management so that population and property in coastal barrier areas are consistent with evacuation capabilities and hazard mitigation standards.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 4th day of September 1981.


GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE

ENVIRONMENTAL UTILITIES, L.L.C.

WASTEWATER TARIFF

(Continued from Sheet No.8.0)

- 12.0 ACCESS TO PREMISES - In accordance with Rule 25-30.320(2)(f), Florida Administrative Code, the Customer shall provide the duly authorized agents of the Company access at all reasonable hours to its property. If reasonable access is not provided, service may be discontinued pursuant to the above rule.
- 13.0 PROTECTION OF COMPANY'S PROPERTY - The Customer shall exercise reasonable diligence to protect the Company's property. If the Customer is found to have tampered with any Company property or refuses to correct any problems reported by the Company, service may be discontinued in accordance with Rule 25-30.320, Florida Administrative Code. In the event of any loss or damage to property of the Company caused by or arising out of carelessness, neglect, or misuse by the Customer, the cost of making good such loss or repairing such damage shall be paid by the Customer.
- 14.0 RIGHT-OF-WAY OR EASEMENTS - The Customer shall grant or cause to be granted to the Company, and without cost to the Company, all rights, easements, permits, and privileges which are necessary for the rendering of wastewater service.
- 15.0 CUSTOMER BILLING - Bills for wastewater service will be rendered - Monthly, Bimonthly, or Quarterly - as stated in the rate schedule.

In accordance with Rule 25-30.335, Florida Administrative Code, the Company may not consider a Customer delinquent in paying his or her bill until the twenty-first day after the Company has mailed or presented the bill for payment.

A municipal or county franchise tax levied upon a water or wastewater public utility shall not be incorporated into the rate for water or wastewater service but shall be shown as a separate item on the Company's bills to its Customers in such municipality or county.

If a utility utilizes the base facility and usage charge rate structure and does not have a Commission authorized vacation rate, the Company shall bill the Customer the base facility charge regardless of whether there is any usage.

- 16.0 PAYMENT OF WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICE BILLS CONCURRENTLY - In accordance with Rule 25-30.320(2)(g), Florida Administrative Code, when both water and wastewater service are provided by the Company, payment of any wastewater service bill rendered by the Company to a Customer shall not be accepted by the Company without the simultaneous or concurrent payment of any water service bill rendered by the Company.

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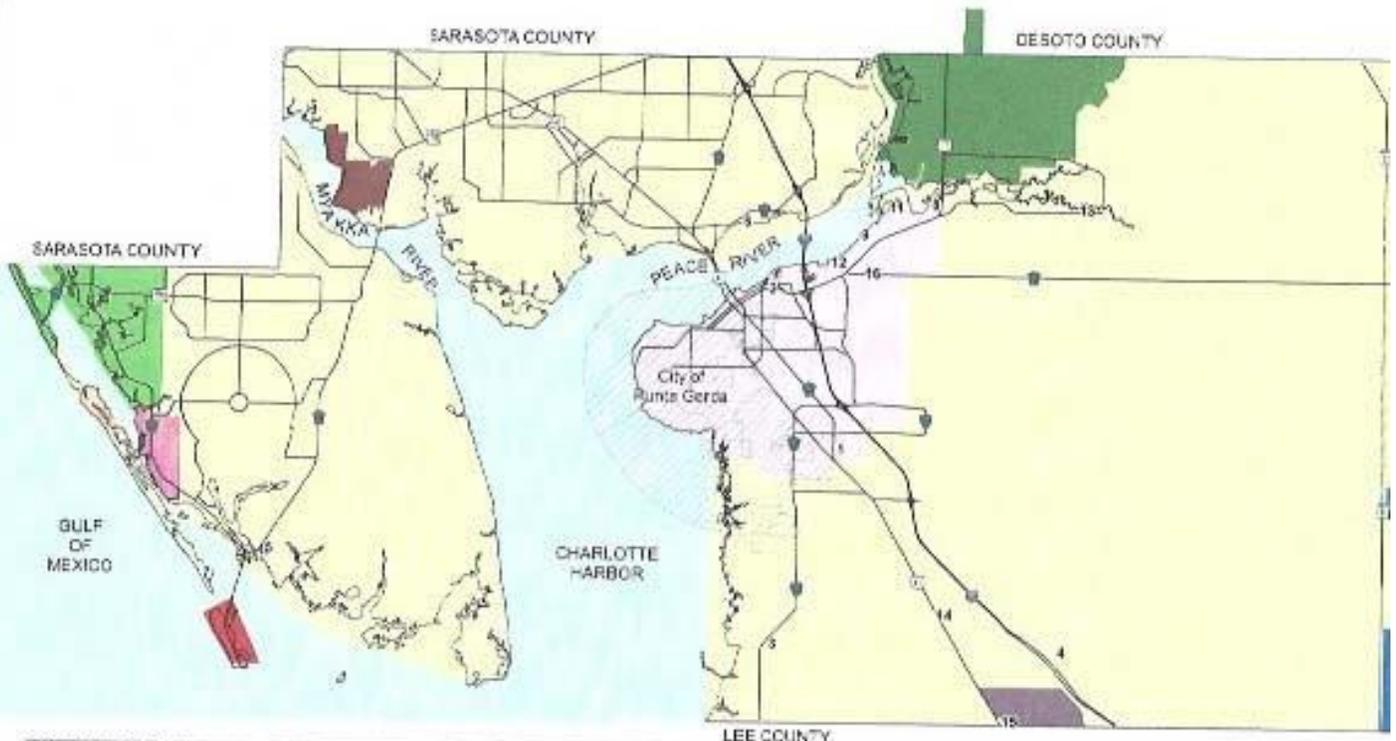
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Supporting Policy and Analysis Map Series

Map #86: Certificated Sanitary Sewer Utility Areas



Stateplane Projection
 Datum: NAD83
 Units: Meters
 Created: 4/2010

Source: CCGS, CCU,
 Growth Management

Metadata available upon request.

Public Sewer Suppliers

- Charlotte County Utilities
- City of Punta Gorda
- Englewood Water District
- Gaspark's Island Water Assoc.
- Knight Island Utilities
- North Fort Myers Utility, Inc.
- Riverwood Development
- Sun River Utilities
- Town and County Utility Co.
- Utilities Inc. of Sandhaven

LEGEND

Community Sewer Suppliers

1. Alligator Park MHP
2. Bay Palms MHP
3. Burnt Store Colony MHP
4. Correctional Institution
5. Gasparilla Mobile Home Estates
6. Harborview MHP
7. Hideaway Bay Condos
8. Lazy Lagoon MHP
9. Palms and Pines MHP
10. Paradise Park Condos
11. Pelican Harbor MHP
12. River Fort
13. Shell Cove
14. Sun N Sh
15. Tropic P
16. Villas Del

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Real Estate Account #422022403018

Owner:
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 UTILITY INC

Situs:
 9652 PRIVATEER RD
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BILL	AMOUNT DUE	
2021 Annual Bill	\$63.16	Add To Cart Print (PDF)
2020 Annual Bill	\$125.22	Add To Cart Print (PDF)
2019 Annual Bill	\$144.87	Add To Cart Print (PDF)
2018 Annual Bill	\$175.94	Add To Cart Print (PDF)
Total Amount Due: \$509.19		Add All To Cart

Account History

BILL	AMOUNT DUE	STATUS	ACTION
2021 Annual Bill ⓘ	\$63.16	Unpaid	Print (PDF)
2020 ⓘ			
2020 Annual Bill	\$125.22	Unpaid	Print (PDF)
Certificate #10860		Issued	06/01/2021 Face \$109.15, Rate 18%
2019 ⓘ			
2019 Annual Bill	\$144.87	Unpaid	Print (PDF)
Certificate #14087		Issued	06/01/2020 Face \$109.15, Rate 18%
2018 ⓘ			
2018 Annual Bill	\$175.94	Unpaid	Print (PDF)
Certificate #12624		Issued	06/01/2019 Face \$117.03, Rate 18%
2017 ⓘ			
2017 Annual Bill	\$0.00	Paid \$128.07	07/16/2018 Receipt #996-00001173 Print (PDF)
Certificate #13417		Redeemed	07/16/2018 Face \$116.02, Rate 18%
		Paid \$128.07	
2016 Annual Bill ⓘ	\$0.00	Paid \$63.82	12/19/2016 Receipt #999-00055663 Print (PDF)
2015 Annual Bill ⓘ	\$0.00	Paid \$65.13	02/16/2016 Receipt #999-00056108 Print (PDF)
Total Amount Due	\$509.19		
2014 Annual Bill ⓘ	\$0.00	Paid \$60.78	12/15/2014 Receipt #999-00044557 Print (PDF)

BILL	AMOUNT DUE	STATUS		ACTION
2013 Annual Bill ⓘ	\$0.00	Paid \$94.55	05/19/2014	Receipt #999-00071396  Print (PDF)
2012 Annual Bill ⓘ	\$0.00	Paid \$62.65	03/27/2013	Receipt #996-00003108  Print (PDF)
2011 Annual Bill ⓘ	\$0.00	Paid \$60.77	12/30/2011	Receipt #999-00061581  Print (PDF)
2010 ⓘ				
2010 Annual Bill	\$0.00	Paid \$108.92	06/29/2011	Receipt #992-00004249  Print (PDF)
Certificate #17443		Redeemed	06/29/2011	Face \$97.78, Rate 18%
		Paid \$108.92		
2009 Annual Bill ⓘ	\$0.00	Paid \$1.57	02/09/2010	Receipt #2009-7010419  Print (PDF)
2008 Annual Bill ⓘ	\$0.00	Paid		 Print (PDF)
2007 Annual Bill ⓘ	\$0.00	Paid		 Print (PDF)
2006 Annual Bill ⓘ	\$0.00	Paid \$1.28	12/27/2006	Receipt #2006-9077324  Print (PDF)
2005 Annual Bill ⓘ	\$0.00	Paid		 Print (PDF)
2004 Annual Bill ⓘ	\$0.00	Paid \$1.54	12/08/2004	Receipt #2004-9047025  Print (PDF)
2003 Annual Bill ⓘ	\$0.00	Paid \$1.60	03/31/2004	Receipt #2003-9096218  Print (PDF)
2002 Annual Bill ⓘ	\$0.00	Paid \$1.55	11/26/2002	Receipt #2002-9145036  Print (PDF)
2001 Annual Bill ⓘ	\$0.00	Paid \$7.95	03/22/2002	Receipt #2001-9173686  Print (PDF)
2000 ⓘ				
2000 Annual Bill	\$0.00	Paid \$21.92	03/26/2002	Receipt #2001-2021082  Print (PDF)
Certificate #11632		Redeemed	03/26/2002	Face \$13.63, Rate 18%
		Paid \$21.92		
Total Amount Due	\$509.19			

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2021 Annual Bill	\$1,210.70	Add To Cart Print (PDF)
Total Amount Due: \$1,210.70		

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BILL	AMOUNT DUE	STATUS	ACTION
2021 Annual Bill ⓘ	\$1,210.70	Unpaid	Print (PDF)
2020 Annual Bill ⓘ	\$0.00	Paid \$1,257.45 01/22/2021	Receipt #999-00056391 Print (PDF)
2019 Annual Bill ⓘ	\$0.00	Paid \$1,720.75 04/30/2020	Receipt #INT-00034347 Print (PDF)
2018 ⓘ			
2018 Annual Bill	\$0.00	Paid \$1,200.77 04/30/2020	Receipt #INT-00034347 Print (PDF)
Certificate #12618		Redeemed 04/30/2020	Face \$1,137.64, Rate 0.25%
		Paid \$1,200.77	
2017 ⓘ			
2017 Annual Bill	\$0.00	Paid \$1,235.54 07/16/2018	Receipt #996-00001173 Print (PDF)
Certificate #13413		Redeemed 07/16/2018	Face \$1,170.75, Rate 0.25%
		Paid \$1,235.54	
2016 Annual Bill ⓘ	\$0.00	Paid \$1,084.50 03/31/2017	Receipt #999-00072261 Print (PDF)
2015 ⓘ			
2015 Annual Bill	\$0.00	Paid \$1,256.03 09/28/2016	Receipt #351-00001755 Print (PDF)
Certificate #14336		Redeemed 09/28/2016	Face \$1,190.27, Rate 0.25%
		Paid \$1,256.03	
2014 Annual Bill ⓘ	\$0.00	Paid \$1,038.44 12/03/2014	Receipt #773-00002608 Print (PDF)
2013 Annual Bill ⓘ	\$0.00	Paid \$1,146.72 05/19/2014	Receipt #999-00071396 Print (PDF)
2012 Annual Bill ⓘ	\$0.00	Paid \$1,167.40 03/27/2013	Receipt #996-00003108 Print (PDF)
2011 Annual Bill ⓘ	\$0.00	Paid \$1,097.81 03/26/2012	Receipt #999-00073184 Print (PDF)
2010 Annual Bill ⓘ	\$0.00	Paid \$1,023.38 04/05/2011	Receipt #992-00003208 Print (PDF)
2009 Annual Bill ⓘ	\$0.00	Paid \$743.46 02/09/2010	Receipt #2009-7010419 Print (PDF)
2008 Annual Bill ⓘ	\$0.00	Paid \$708.99 04/13/2009	Receipt #2008-9096756 Print (PDF)
Total Amount Due	\$1,210.70		

2007 Annual Bill ⓘ BILL	\$0.00 AMOUNT DUE	Paid \$656.71	04/28/2008 STATUS	Receipt #2007-9109868	Print (PDF) ACTION
2006 Annual Bill ⓘ	\$0.00	Paid \$580.80	12/27/2006	Receipt #2006-9077324	Print (PDF)
2005 Annual Bill ⓘ	\$0.00	Paid \$1,370.24	12/31/2005	Receipt #2005-7017558	Print (PDF)
2004 Annual Bill ⓘ	\$0.00	Paid \$1,588.70	12/08/2004	Receipt #2004-9047025	Print (PDF)
2003 Annual Bill ⓘ	\$0.00	Paid \$1,618.91	03/31/2004	Receipt #2003-7029624	Print (PDF)
2002 Annual Bill ⓘ	\$0.00	Paid \$1,646.44	03/31/2003	Receipt #2002-9193197	Print (PDF)
2001 Annual Bill ⓘ	\$0.00	Paid \$1,784.15	03/22/2002	Receipt #2001-9173687	Print (PDF)
2000 ⓘ					
2000 Annual Bill	\$0.00	Paid \$3,645.14	03/26/2002	Receipt #2001-2021082	Print (PDF)
Certificate #11132		Redeemed	03/26/2002	Face \$3,164.25, Rate 18%	
		Paid \$3,645.14			
Total Amount Due	\$1,210.70				

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