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April 7, 2015

Honorable Mayor Gib Coerper  
City of Alachua  
P.O. Box 9  
Alachua, Florida 32616

RE: Request to fence cattle out of City of Alachua TK Stormwater Basin

Dear Mayor Coerper,

On behalf of the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners, I want to convey our concerns regarding potential groundwater pollution due to recent conditions that have allowed cattle to enter the City of Alachua's TK stormwater basin.

In general, recommended best management practices encourage livestock to be fenced out of water bodies. Because this City stormwater basin is located within a sensitive portion of the Mill Creek watershed and within the Hornsby Springs springshed, the protection of the quality of water entering the Floridan aquifer at this location is very important.

I encourage your staff to consult with Hugh Thomas, Suwannee River Partnership Coordinator (phone 386-362-1001), to discuss appropriate fencing setbacks for this situation.

Thank you for giving Alachua County the opportunity to express our concerns. We look forward to working with the City Commission to ensure that these unique water resources are protected.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Charles S. Chestnut, IV", is located below the "Sincerely," text.

Charles S. Chestnut, IV, Chair  
Alachua County Commission  
Chr15.039

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cc: Board of County Commissioners  
Dr. Lee A. Niblock, County Manager  
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Chris Bird, Environmental Protection Director  
Hugh Thomas, Suwannee River Partnership Coordinator