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From: Charlie Smith on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 9:44 AM
To: 'Kelly Lube'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket # 20240032-SU

Good morning Kelly Lube,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20240032, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Best regards,

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This letter is in opposition of docket # 20240032. I apologize in advance if I ramble, but, I have a lot on my mind about this issue. I'm having a hard time understanding why this issue has been brought up again after the lengthy procedures 2 years ago that were denied. It is my understanding that nothing has changed from then to now.

Our small unique 7 mile bridge-less barrier island is home to a diverse array of wildlife-native & migratory birds, endangered species such as our gopher tortoises, wild honey bees, bobcats, bats, owls, ospreys, American bald eagles, seasonal endangered sea turtles & our abundance of fish and marine life, such as manatees. The Island is within the boundaries of the Lemon Bay Aquatic preserve which provides important estuaries, seagrass & oyster beds that filter the waters.



The island wildlife is flourishing!

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Our small unique 7 mile bridge-less barrier island is also home to many, many eco-conscious residents. The Bocilla Islands Conservancy (501) C3 was founded by island residents in 2015 to acquire green space to help preserve a natural island habitat for wildlife & future generations to enjoy.

*The conservancy currently has 12 green space lots, most all of which were acquired through donations from Island residents and visitors.

*It offers educational classes to residents & visitors-most recently-classes on sea turtles, mangroves, gopher tortoises, and shorebirds.

*A Native plant garden is on the island to educate residents & visitors about the island ecosystem & native plants.

*The island was recently certified as a NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION COMMUNITY WILDLIFE HABITAT. In order to get this achievement, the community had to reach 2 benchmark goals-first, was certifying a number of individual properties (40). Along with public areas-such as parks and community gardens. The 2nd benchmark was engaging the community in activities that helped foster a greater awareness and understanding of the principles of the community wildlife habitat program. Points were obtained through specific education, outreach, registration and administration goals.



COMMUNITY WILDLIFE
HABITAT



Ok, Thank you for still being here & reading. My next point will be... water quality testing. I am aware that Charlotte County health department regularly monitors the waters in the area... and I don't believe they have had any issued warnings. I have noted both a good & poor result on 4/22/24 on Boca grande and also one on Palm Island, but viewing all the charts, there are "poor" numbers that come and go throughout the coast... which could be from a variety of reasons. I will note.. that Boca Grande has a sewer system.



Hmmmm....so many people, drinking & having a great time..What? No porta potties? Hmmmmm...

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A final note- I have to wonder why after the PSC dismissed this case 2 years ago, Why in the world would Charlotte County support this private sewer project?

Why would Charlotte County not want to do this project themselves?

The collage consists of several news snippets:

- Environmental Groups Intend to Sue City**: November 2, 2016 by Lynn Taylor. Text: "Three environmental groups sent a notice of intent to file a lawsuit against the city of Gulfport last Friday over its sewage discharges, which the groups allege is a violation of the Clean Water Act. In a press release, Suncoast Waterkeeper, Our Children's Earth Foundation and Ecological Rights Foundation filed a 60-day notice for what..."
- Sarasota County Facing Lawsuit After Environmental Groups Claim Faulty Systems Are Polluting Suncoast Waterways**: Includes a video player with a play button icon.
- Environmental groups reach a settlement with Bradenton over sewage spills**: WUSF | By Steve Newborn. Published May 13, 2022 at 5:15 AM EDT. Includes social media icons for Facebook, X, and LinkedIn.
- Environmental Groups Threaten St. Pete With Lawsuit Over Sewage Spill**: By The Associated Press. Published September 30, 2016 at 8:16 AM EDT. Includes social media icons for Facebook, X, LinkedIn, and Email. Below the headline is a photo of a beach with a yellow "WARNING SURFACE WATER IS CONTAMINATED" sign.
- Environmental groups announce intent to sue St. Pete over sewage dumps**: By Charlie Frago, Former Times Reporter. Published Sep 29, 2016. Text: "First there was the media glare. Then the protests. A state investigation began. A federal probe might yet follow." Below the headline is a photo of a spotted wildcat walking on a sandy path.

Maybe they are afraid of something... 8.

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