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SUBJECT: Island Environmental Utility notice of application for wastewater certificate

Dear Sir:


We have resided at 80 Palm Drive on Knight Island (County of Charlotte) for 7 years and strongly object to the Subject Wastewater application. All of the newer on-site systems in place are stringently designed, installed, and inspected and function extremely well with proper use. There is no evidence of pollutants reaching saltwater. There is little risk of well contamination since nearly every residence is now served by a community water supply, or cisterns. There is far more damage being done to the Lemon Bay Estuarine by surface run-off and development than by on-site-septic systems.

We contend that this notice is primarily to benefit additional development on the Islands, to facilitate more multi-family zoning, possibly commercial, not to protect the environment. This additional development will further tax our infrastructure; the roads and bridges have already been destroyed by developers' cement trucks, for which all Island residents are being assessed by Charlotte County. The old wood bridges were never intended for semi's and concrete trucks and yet, builders don't share in the costs to replace the bridges.

Should this waste system be approved, we hope that mandatory hook-ups will not be imposed? When is the State of Florida going to take a stand on irresponsible development that threatens this paradise?

Please don't let these beautiful Islands become an overdeveloped Mecca for the wealthy like Boca Grande.

Very concerned,



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