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September 24, 2009

Mr. Tom Oliver, Chairman
Hall County Board of Commissioners
Post Office Drawer 1435
Gainesville, Georgia 30503

Re: Cedar Creek Water Treatment Plant

Dear Chairman Oliver:

I am in receipt of your letter dated September 16, 2009, and have discussed it with fellow Council members and staff. After thoughtful consideration, we offer the following:

We agree any new water treatment plant should be sized to be able to accommodate the Cedar Creek Reservoir and other reservoirs that may be developed in north or east Hall County. To that end, our staff has been directed to make provisions for easy expansion should treatment facilities (other than those available via flow augmentation) be necessary. Flow augmentation for Glades Farm is of course still the preferred alternative in our minds assuming issues with the Army can be worked out. These points were considered by Weideman and Singleton, AECOM and Golder Associates in their recently completed study entitled "Water Distribution and Treatment Systems Master Plan Update."

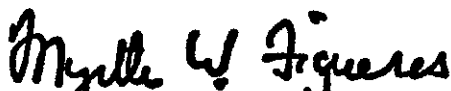
We also agree an "overall understanding" of the water supply needs of Hall County is necessary. As the purveyor of water in Hall County over the past 100 years, we feel we have this understanding. Note the City spent \$350,000.00 on the previously referenced study this past year alone to answer these questions. As the purveyor of water for Gainesville and Hall County we believe we are moving in the right direction. If (as we all hope and pray) Glades Farm becomes a reality, pumping water downhill to Cedar Creek where the County has already invested in transmission facilities makes good sense.

We also believe time is of the essence. It will take a minimum of 11 months to design and 18 months to build any treatment facilities. This represents 29 of the remaining available months.

The City of Gainesville has no interest in becoming involved in a "Water Authority." We do, as agreed to in the 2006 Water Agreement, take our responsibility to provide water service throughout all of Hall County quite seriously. However, we also further understand the need for the Hall County Commission to be informed. Therefore, in order to ensure we all understand how we are moving forward we will put our design plans on hold for a short period of time to meet with you, your Commission members, and staff. It is imperative we are all on the same page; but, not lose site of the fact the Judge's order is before us. Time is of the essence.

Please have Mr. Nix contact Kip Padgett to arrange a time to meet.

Sincerely,


Myrtle W. Figueras, Mayor
City of Gainesville

cc: Gainesville City Council
Hall County Commission