

Summary of Public Comments

Dredging and Channel Marker

1. Supports, received from Robbie Lowther, maintenance of waterways will bring the most benefit to the Panacea area.

Observation Tower, near Clark Drive, Panacea

1. Supports, received from Robbie Lowther
2. Supports, received from Jack Rudloe

Community Center Pool

1. Supports, received from Denise Spivey, lost revenue to Wakulla County due to travel to Leon county for swimming lessons.

Sewer Connections in older neighborhoods in Crawfordville

1. Supports, received from Denise Spivey, specifically homes in Ameliawood subdivision.

Extension of deadline for comments on proposed projects

1. Supports, received from the executive director of the Wakulla Springs Alliance. Requests an extension of the public comment period to allow the Wakulla Springs Alliance, Friends of Wakulla Springs and other interested parties to agenda and discuss the proposed SEP projects at their regularly scheduled meetings.

Installation of barriers to deter people from driving on private land, marsh land and delicate flora and fauna found on Pine Island

1. Supports, received from Bradley Hartman.

Water quality study of waters surrounding Oyster Bay and Skipper Bay

1. Supports, received from Bradley Hartman. Good water quality could potentially open these areas for commercial oyster harvesting.

Sponsorship of a one-time oyster relay by Wakulla County of oysters from closed waters to open waters.

1. Supports, received by Bradley Hartman. This would allow oysters to grow in clean water for future harvesting.

Minimize/eliminate development along the shores of Skipper Bay

1. Supports, Bradley Hartman. Water quality issues will arise as a result of further development of this area. A conservation easement may ease the water quality issues.

Artificial Reefs-intercoastal areas to be determined

1. Supports. These reefs have a great potential for improving fishing and the economy. Old culvert pipes and rubble should not be used to create these reefs. Received by: Jack Rudloe
2. Supports, received from the Wakulla Springs Alliance.
3. Opposes, funds should only be used to upgrade sewer systems and projects affecting water quality. Received by: Bob Phillips
4. Supports. The project may have a regional impact. Received by: Sherrie Miller, Maureen Mitchell, Pam Portwood, Mark Mitchell, Audrey Alessi, Panacea Waterfront, Tim Jordan

Bayside Marina-purchase and improvements

1. Opposes purchase of Bayside Marina. County should not compete with private business, conflict of interest with local businesses and understanding uses of RESTORE Act funds. Received by: Robbie Lowther
2. Opposes purchase of Bayside Marina. This is a private property and should be left for purchase in a free market that will determine the value. Public funds should not be used to bail out private entities. If priced appropriately, the marina will sell and new owners, not tax payers, can foot the bill. Received by: James Hennessy
3. Opposes, purchase of Bayside Marina. Purchase and expansion by the County will destroy the "Tarpon Hole" and disrupt the manatees that use the creek area. The County should not compete with privately owned businesses. Received by: Jack Rudloe
4. Opposes, received by: Wakulla Springs Alliance
5. Opposes, Funds should be used only to upgrade sewer systems and projects affecting water quality. Received by: Bob Phillips
6. Supports the purchase of Bayside Marina. Development of the property into condominiums will have a negative impact on the ecosystem. Received by: Matt Michalski

Coastal Sewer (Shell Point, Spring Creek, Oyster Bay) Purchase and expansion of Talquin system

1. Opposes. An in-depth study of water quality and pollution is needed to determine why the biodiversity of Apalachee Bay continues to shrink and monitor the water for bacteria, heavy metals pesticides and pollutants. The development of additional infrastructure to support sewer expansion in this area may not be needed. Received by: Jack Rudloe
2. Opposes, received by Wakulla Springs Alliance.

Coastal Storm water – Panacea

1. Opposes, received by Jack Rudloe.
2. Opposes, received by Wakulla Springs Alliance

Mashes Sands Park – Improvements

1. Supports repair and replacement of restrooms and signage. Received by Jack Rudloe
2. Supports, received by: Wakulla Springs Alliance
3. Opposes the dredging of sand flats for beach renourishment. The horseshoe crabs use these beaches as a breeding ground and to dredge the area would destroy it for their population. Received by: Jack Rudloe
4. Opposes the dredging of the sand flats for beach renourishment. Received by: Wakulla Springs Alliance.
5. Supports the beach renourishment and parking improvements. Received by: Maureen Mitchell, Sherrie Miller, Pam Portwood, Dallas Marshall, Mark Mitchell, Eloise Crum, Audrey Alessi, Panacea Waterfront, Tim Jordan

Otter Creek WWTP

1. Supports. The water quality in Otter Creek, Otter Lake and Ochlocknee Bay needs to be monitored as this comes on line. Received by: Jack Rudloe
2. Supports, received by: Wakulla Springs Alliance.

Oyster Bed Restoration-areas to be determined

1. Supports. Oyster growth could be enhanced by using modern techniques to grow them on trees. By placing brush and small trees in strategic areas of the bay the oyster bed restoration process will eventually yield new reefs. Received by: Jack Rudloe
2. Supports, received by: Wakulla Springs Alliance

Skipper Bay – land acquisition and increased public access

1. Supports purchase of Skipper Bay land to provide a high tide boat access. Major concern is to preserve the natural habitat. Supports a project that would resolve land access issues, provide for a fence around the park area to prohibit park users from trespassing on private lands, provides security for the commercial aquaculture operation at the mouth of Skipper Creek which has been suffering vandalism. Desires that the access road through the island be extremely narrow to protect vegetation and allow for greater access to parking. Proposes that the boat ramp utilize the existing shell beach with a layer of gravel or additional shell. Supports a minimalist approach with little to no filling of wetlands, concrete and paving. Received by: Bradley Hartman
2. Opposes purchase of Skipper Bay land to create a county park. Concerns that the County would then run sewer lines through the refuge which could harm the ecosystem. Received by: Jack Rudloe
3. Opposes purchase of Skipper Bay land to create a county park. Received by: Wakulla Springs Alliance
4. Opposes purchase of Skipper Bay. RESTORE Act funds should only be used to fund projects that upgrade sewer systems and enhance water quality. Received by: Bob Phillips

Spring Creek

1. Opposes purchase of Spring Creek RV Park. This is a private property and should be left for purchase in a free market that will determine the value. Public funds should not be used to bail out private entities. If priced appropriately, the RV park will sell and new owners, not tax payers, can foot the bill. Received by: James Hennessy
2. Supports purchase of Spring Creek RV Park. Purchase of this property would provide public access to Skipper Bay and Oyster Bay. The benefits of the purchase include a pre-existing concrete boat ramp, ample parking space, it provides deep water access with a marked channel. Received by: Bradley Hartman.
3. Opposes the purchase of Spring Creek RV Park. The County should not compete with private businesses. Received by: Jack Rudloe
4. Opposes the purchase of Spring Creek RV Park, received by: Wakulla Springs Alliance
5. Opposes purchase of Spring Creek RV Park. RESTORE Act funds should only be used to fund projects that upgrade sewer systems and enhance water quality. Received by: Bob Phillips

Trail Head Oaks Property

1. Opposes the construction of a trail head at the Oaks property. Although environmentally harmless and will boost tourism, there are other competing interests that rank higher, such as water quality and improving habitats. Received by: Jack Rudloe
2. Opposes the construction of a trail head at the Oaks property. Submitted by: Wakulla Springs Alliance.
3. Opposes the construction of a trail head at the Oaks property. RESTORE Act funds should only be used to fund projects that upgrade sewer systems and enhance water quality. Received by: Bob Phillips
4. Supports the construction of a trail head at the Oaks property. Trail should also include completion of the trail from Panacea to Surf Road. Received by: Maureen Mitchell, Sherrie Miller, Pam Portwood, Mark Mitchell, Audrey Alessi, Panacea Waterfront, Tim Jordan

Wakulla Gardens – Septic to sewer

1. Supports the transition from septic to sewer in Wakulla Gardens. Wakulla Springs would benefit from this project. Monitoring of water quality must be implemented simultaneously with the transition project. Received by Jack Rudloe
2. Supports the transition from septic to sewer in Wakulla Gardens. Received by: Wakulla Springs Alliance

WINCO – St. Marks, purchase and septic to sewer expansion

1. Supports the purchase and expansion of septic to sewer in St Marks. Monitoring of water quality should be implemented during the transition. Received by: Jack Rudloe
2. Supports the purchase and expansion of septic to sewer in St Marks. Received by: Wakulla Springs Alliance