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Wakulla Springs Joint Workshop To Be Held on April 10, 2008

Crawfordville, Florida – Wakulla County will be hosting a joint workshop with the Board, Leon County Board of County Commissioners, and the City of Tallahassee City Commission to discuss the coordination of measures to protect Wakulla Springs. This Joint Workshop will be held on April 10, 2008, at Wakulla Springs Lodge (Pavilion) and will run from 10a.m. – 2p.m. Chairman Edward Brimmer said, “Wakulla County is honored to host this joint workshop and believes the scope of the workshop to be of great importance.”

This meeting continues the effort and process of proposing text amendments to its Comprehensive Plan as part of its Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR). In an effort to adequately address this major issue, Tallahassee-Leon County planning staff are proposing several policies in its Comprehensive Plan to protect Wakulla Springs, along with creating a Springs Protection Zone based upon the results of the Leon County Aquifer Vulnerability Assessment (LAVA). Tallahassee-Leon County planning staff has been coordinating closely with Wakulla County planning staff to ensure consistency with the proposed expansion of the Wakulla Springs Special Planning Area. Wakulla County anticipates EAR-based text amendments to the Comprehensive Plan including additional policies to protect Wakulla Springs, as well.

Wakulla County Administrator Ben Pingree along with other key staff from Wakulla and Leon County will be in attendance. A joint presentation will be given by the Wakulla County Planning Department and the Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department on past studies and current and proposed springs protection policies and practices. A boat ride on Wakulla Springs will conclude the joint workshop.

In accordance with Florida Sunshine Laws, this meeting is open to the public. For information regarding the meeting, please contact Lindsay Stevens, Director, Office of Planning & Community Development or Melissa Corbett, Planner II, Office of Planning & Community Development at (850) 926-3695.