

# Board of County Commissioners

## Agenda Item

Date of Meeting: February 16, 2010

Date Submitted: February 6, 2010

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Benjamin H. Pingree, County Administrator  
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Subject: Request Board Ratification of Discussion Taken During the January 14, 2010 Land Quality Workshop

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### **Statement of Issue:**

This agenda item requests Board ratification of discussion taken during the January 14, 2010 Workshop held to explore where future development should occur in Wakulla County based on land quality as well as land designations already included in the Comprehensive Plan.

### **Background:**

At the October 20, 2009 Board Meeting, the Board directed staff to schedule a Workshop to explore where future development should occur in Wakulla County based on land quality as well as land designations already included in the Comprehensive Plan. There is an established Comprehensive Plan and land development codes that direct land uses in the County. Wakulla County is composed of different lands, some much fragile and sensitive than others. The eastern portion of the County contains many wetlands and karst features as well as vast underground water tunnel systems, many of which connect to Wakulla Springs and coastal areas.

### **Analysis:**

The workshop was held to determine if the Board wants to move forward with developing a legend or map of what lies underground in order to develop in the future in the least sensitive areas when possible.

The discussion included the following:

- Several Commissioners expressed the need to have additional pertinent information for further consideration;
- It was stated that several other entities need to be included in providing additional information or maps such as, Joe Hand; Todd Kincaid, Global Underwater Explorers; and Eric Livingston, Department of Environmental Protection.

It appears that consensus was reached by the Board to move forward in the process of determining where future development should occur in Wakulla County based on land quality as well as land designations. Staff is requesting the Board to ratify the discussion that took place during the Workshop and provide Board direction for staff to proceed with contacting the entities listed above to obtain further information and possibly schedule a Board workshop; whichever is the Board's desire.

**Options:**

1. Ratify the Board Discussion taken during the January 14, 2010 Land Quality Workshop.
2. Do not ratify the Board Discussion taken during the January 14, 2010 Land Quality Workshop.
3. Board direction.

**Recommendation:**

Options #1 & #3

**Attachments:**

1. January 14, 2010 Workshop Item