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Subject: RE: Hunter's Lake - canals
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Good morning,

We received the attached request. I have some concern of the precedence of having groups of citizens start their own canal management work.

I think the attached request should also go to DEP for their review and feedback as this sounds like a form of dredging. It's still unclear the goal -I don't think it will accomplish bringing water back into the canals.

Would you guys be open to a zoom meeting to discuss? Thanks,

Respectfully,

Christopher Linsbeck

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If we were to move forward, I would recommend that a License Agreement be drafted to deal with the issues below. The License agreement would require Commission Approval.

Respectfully

Scott Herring

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Good afternoon,

Here is the legal guidance received:

If permission was granted for this request I would ask for COIs with HC listed as an Additional Named Insured along with the Waiver of Subro and some contract language with Hold Harmless in it. Further, I don't know the water level off hand at Hunters Lake (low I assume), however this may still be designated as "Navigable Waters" which means we would also need evidence of Workers' Compensation with USL&H Code (United States Longshore and Harbor Workers' Comensation Act..Federal).

Although there is a way forward, this process seems cumbersome and costly for a citizen to perform work on county owned property given the conditions.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Kindest Regards,



Maryellen Waite

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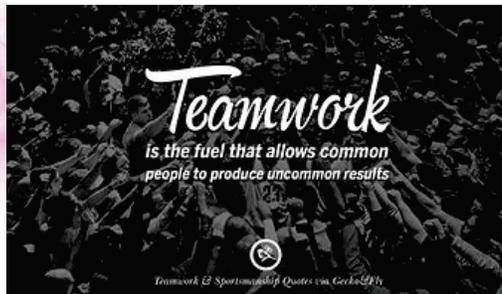
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The lake has been dry and is exposing vegetation which is generating requests for the County to mow or cut it down. Putting County assets such as mowers or tractors into wetlands is a large concern, plus this would need DEP permitting. We've turned down these requests due to those concerns.

This particular request is a private citizen seeking approval to do work on County-owned land. We were seeing if there was any direction that Risk may have regarding prohibiting private citizens to do work on county-owned lands?

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Good afternoon,

I'm not familiar with the processes or if this is something that has been done/allowed by the county in the past.

Scott-

Do you have any input on this? I would imagine this would involve DPW as this land is owned by the county.

I appreciate your assistance!

Kindest Regards,



Maryellen Waite

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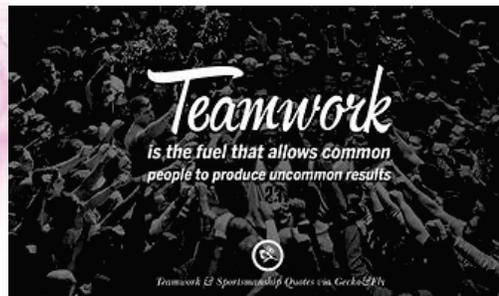
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Hi Maryellen,

I was contacted by a citizen (David) who wants to remove the vegetation within a few canals adjacent to Hunter's Lake. David wants permission from Hernando County to do this work on county-owned property. I'm not sure who he should speak with regarding this item. I did tell David that permits would be required from FDEP and/or FWC for aquatic vegetation removal but that he would need the property owner's permission first. Any guidance on this matter would be greatly appreciated.



TY, Carla.



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ATTENTION: Chris Clinsbeck

REGARDING: Hunter's Lake CHANNELS (NOT the "LAKE") - Info you requested

FROM: David Sobczak, 6786 Eastbrook Dr., Spring Hill, FL 34606
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I live on a Hunter's Lake CHANNEL on the East side of the lake. See attached map.

Myself and a group of my NEARBY neighbors would like to clear a 10 to 15 foot wide PATH through the existing "Man Made" channels by removing the vegetation by the roots to a depth of about 12 inches (The average depth of the roots). See attached map with yellow lines showing the proposed route. See attached West view from my shore.

The uprooted material would be deposited above the water line along the shores and, then leveled /evened out. We are aware that we can only place this material along the shorelines of residents that give us permission to do so.

We understand that Hernando County will NOT provide any funds for this project and, that we private citizens will be responsible for the cost of this project.

The quotes that we recently acquired are pushing the limits of tolerable IF and ONLY IF the service provider does NOT have to REMOVE and TRUCK AWAY the uprooted materials. To avoid the PROJECT KILLING, MORE THAN DOUBLE COST, we need to be able to deposit some of the material on the "Spoil Islands".

Would you please explain what we need to do to make use of the Spoil Islands for this project?

Thank you,

David Sobczak
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