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## 22 Sewer service

- 22 D Should Leon County extend sewer service to Chason Woods?
  - -Yes because
  - sewer would prevent wastewater contamination of the aquifer and Wakulla Springs
- -No because providing sewer to Chason Woods would be a precedent for more development in the area, which should be discouraged
  - No because sewer service would be too expensive for County budget (if the county is paying for it)
  - No because sewer service fees would be unaffordable for the homeowners (if the homeowners are to pay for it)
- 22F1 What would the hookup cost per household for sewer service be? (Thaell 11/18/09)
  22FIQ What would the 'readiness to serve' charge be for households not ready
  to hook up to sewer?
- 22F2 What would the annual maintenance charge for sewer service per household be? (Thaell 11/18/09)

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- 29 I Available options for wastewater treatment?
- 29 C Criteria for wastewater treatment options?
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### 01 CURG Strategy

- 01 E What is the main CURG target audience / strategy?
- 01 I 1 What are possible CURG Strategy Goals? General:
  - Increase rate of growth / development?
  - Slow rate of growth of development?
  - Improve development quality?
  - 'Jack up cost of stupid development' (Deaton 11/17/09)
  - 'Slow down development long enough for constricting economy to
  - make stupid development near impossible' (Deaton 11/17/09)
  - Getting local proponents of good development organized (Deaton 11/17/09 -2)
  - Getting (locality) a reputation of approving good and turning down bad development (Deaton 11/17/09-2)

## Specific projects:

Prevent permitting?

Help BOCC make best choice?

- Induce improvement of project plans
   at hearings for permit request;
  - before submission?
- 01 I 2 What are possible CURG Strategy Means?

### General:

Inform and motivate CURG members?

"act as an educator and distributor of information to its members concerning matters of mutual interest, and advocate actions to be taken. <a href="http://www.curg.org/purpose.html">http://www.curg.org/purpose.html</a>

Influence public opinion (to guide election decisions)?

Influence Local government decisions?

"monitor and participate in various aspects of local government, such as: City and County Commission meetings and workshops, LPA actions, Planning Commission actions, and any other boards, organizations, or committees formed under the direction of local government which may impact any of the Network's issues."

http://www.curg.org/purpose.html

Influence developer decisions?

### Specific:

CURG website and listserv information sharing?

Providing information to BOCC /COT? Providing information to public media?

# 1 Chason Woods Project: Permit?

## 1 D Should BOCC approve Chason Woods request (As proposed?)

Yes, because: the project (CW will:

- 1DY1 The Planning Department considers the project to be in compliance with the Comp Plan [>> in Hall 11/23]
- 1DY2 The project provides a conservation easement of over 50% to offset the increase in density (>> in Hall 11/23]
- 1DY3 If the objections voiced against the project are not explicitly disallowed, they must be allowed [>>Hall 11/23]

### No, because CW as proposed will:

- 1DN1 Generate excessive VMT (Vehicle Miles Traveled) [>Biblo 10/13]
- 1DN2 Generate excessive air pollution (due to excessive VMT) [>Biblo 10/13]
- 1DN3 Require the removal of excessive amounts of vegetation which violates the spirit of Section 10-7.505 [>Biblo 10/13]
- 1DN4 Being located outside of the Urban Service Area, Require extension of sewer and potable water infrastructure, normally not provided outside USA Section 10-7.524 [>Biblo 10/13]
- 1DN5 Generate 'leapfrog sprawl' development in violation of Section 10-6.613 -- Urban Fringe Zoning -- [> Biblo 10/13]
- 1DN6 Violate spirit of Section 10-7.104 (8): orderly and beneficial development of unincorporated areas; and (10): providing adequate transportation, water, sewerage, schools, parks, playgrounds. [>Biblo 10/13]
- 1DN7 Would constitute a DRI except for the provision of affordable housing in accordance with HB 1363 (15% of units devoted to affordable workforce housing) but has not demonstrated how this would be facilitated [>Biblo 10/13]
- 1DN8 violate lot size requirements.
  (deviation approval should be defensible on the Talquin Meadows precedent of 37% reduction for 26% of lots) [>Biblo 10/13]
- 1DN9 If the county imposes the ordnance requiring performance based septic systems (it is not clear whether) the project might exceed the allowable nitrogen loading to protect the aquifer and Wakulla Springs [>Thaell 11/18]
- 1DN10 If the county approves central sewerage, the project could involve building excessive impervious surface that will add pollutants to the stormwater and subsequently to the groundwater [>Thaell 11/18]
- 1DN11 contribute to growth which does NOT pay for itself: Leon county pays \$1.40 for every \$1.- collected in taxes. [>Deaton 11/22]
- 1DN12 constituting sprawl, the project will negatively impact the environment (habitat for other species, water and air quality) [>Deaton 11/22]
- 1DN13 not provide, with the proposed conservation easement, tradeoff a reasonable tradeoff for the increased density [>Hall 11/23]
- 1DN14 not be in compliance with Comp Plan requirements (policy 2.2.2[L] and 1.3.1.[SS] [>Hall 11/23]
- 1DN15 violate the requirements of lot sizes of less than .5 acres if central sewer is not provided [>Hall 11/23]
- 1DN16 not provide adequate assurance that the conservation easement will be managed properly by the Homeowners'Association as proposed by the applicant [Fulford 12/07]

## Q: 'Wrong question' (the question can't be decided unless other questions are clarified)

- 1DQ1 What does the Comp Plan specifically require of local government (with respect to proposals such as CW)? [>Thaell11/18]
- 1DQ2 Are there alternatives to performance based septic systems? What would be the costs of these systems? [>Thaell 11/18]
- 1DQ3 What would be the cost of hookup and maintaining sewer service to the households? [>Thaell 11/18]
- 1DQ4 What would be the ultimate cost of 'doing nothing' (regarding the project)? [>Thaell 11/18]
- 1DQ5 Several outstanding concurrency issues still need to be addressed [>DRC minutes 11/18]
- 1DQ6 Numerous public comments have been received that should be reviewed before the DRC can make a recommendation [>DRC Minutes 11/18]

- 1DQ7 There have been discussions for modifications of the proposal with the applicant for which more time is needed to provide adequate detail [>DRC minutes 11/18]
- 1DQ8 If there is actual demand for this kind of housing and the county denies the project, is there a danger that such projects will be located in neighboring counties (where the environmental impacts will the the same and traffic worse? {Mann 11/20}
- 1DQ9 What are the infrastructure costs for the project and should the developer be asked to pay their fair share? [>Deaton 11/22]
- 1DQ10 Should a decision be made on the basis of current regulations which are inadequate: Should better growth controls be introduced? [>Deaton 11/22]
- 1DQ11 There seems to be an assumption that some development will occur, and that all development near the Springs will be detrimental, so the focus should be on the question of mitigating the wastewater impact on Wakulla Springs or on the groundwater in general:

  What are the possible means for reducing groundwater infiltration by wastewater, and esp. nitrogen? [Mann 12/31] >>
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