



Alachua County Environmental Protection Advisory Committee Program Summary

Alachua County,
Florida
June 13, 2023 BoCC Presentation

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Environmental Protection Advisory Committee (EPAC)

Original Resolution 84-7

- BoCC Approved April, 1984
- EPAC Focus on Hazardous Materials
- Seven Member Committee

RESOLUTION 84-7

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE; ESTABLISHING THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR BYLAWS TO GUIDE THE OPERATION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, hazardous materials present in the community may pose acute and chronic health hazards to individuals who live and work in Alachua County, and who are exposed to such substances as a result of generating, treating, storing, disposing, or releasing hazardous materials; and,

WHEREAS, the risks and potential dangers of hazardous material storage, transportation, handling, and disposal within, near or through Alachua County have never been fully addressed; and

WHEREAS, such hazardous materials dangers pose a threat to the communities most important resource, the Floridan aquifer; and,

WHEREAS, the best protective methods will be realized by a thorough gathering of information, a careful examination of facts, a clear assessment of information, a comprehensive statement of the problems, a responsible and realistic plan of solution, and finally, the implementation of a plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to utilize an Environmental Advisory Committee to assist and advise the Board of County Commissioners and the Department of Pollution Control in developing an effective Hazardous Materials

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Resolution 19-84

- Board Approved August, 2019
- Protection of various environmental resources
- Twelve Member Committee
- Extending Sunset Date of 2011 to 2025

RESOLUTION 19-.84

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION 17-07 BY **EXTENDING THE SUNSET DATE FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, protection of soils, air, ground waters and surface waters of Alachua County is critical to ensuring protection of public health and safety; and,

WHEREAS, effective environmental regulatory, management, monitoring and public education programs in the areas of hazardous materials, water quality, air quality, household hazardous waste, and natural resource protection is important to maintaining the quality of life and natural resources of the County; and,

WHEREAS, responsible management of environmentally sensitive lands and watersheds is important for protecting water quality and maintaining healthy natural ecosystems; and,

WHEREAS, citizen input is important to the development of effective environmental programs and for the promotion of greater community involvement and awareness of local government environmental initiatives; and,

WHEREAS, since 1984 the Environmental Advisory Committee has been an effective vehicle for citizen input and review of environmental programs within Alachua County; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners first established by Resolution 84-7 an Environmental Advisory Committee, increased the membership of the Environmental Advisory Committee by Resolutions 87-14 and 90-84, revised the attendance policy by Resolution 01-62, renamed the Advisory Committee by Resolution 02-81, re-established and added a sunset date by Resolution 09-80; amended the sunset date by Resolution 11-23 and Resolution 17-07,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to extend the sunset date for the Environmental Protection Advisory Committee,

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Major Issues – Santa Fe River & Springs Protection

- Seven Springs/Nestle Water Use Permit
- HPSII Phosphate Mine Bradford & Union Counties
- Right to Clean Water Ordinance



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Major Issues – Solid Waste

- EcoLoop Landfill Diversion Options
- Alachua County & City of Gainesville Zero Waste Plan



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DECEMBER 01, 2020



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Major Issues – Water Quality

- Water Conservation Code Update

PART II - ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

Title 7 - HEALTH AND SAFETY

CHAPTER 77. - WATER QUALITY STANDARDS AND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

ARTICLE VI. LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION DESIGN AND MAINTENANCE STANDARDS

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Sec. 77.54. Intent and purpose.

Note to reviewers: Green text is language that has been moved. Red strikethrough or underline represents new language or deleted language.

It is the intent and purpose of this article to promote increased water conservation and improve water quality throughout Alachua County by increasing irrigation efficiency and limiting harmful nutrient run-off.

(Ord. No. 2019-09A , § 6, 4-9-19)



Environmental Protection Advisory Committee (EPAC) Host - Community Conversation Forums

A Community Conversation: Climate Change in Alachua County

Alachua County hosting a community conversation
about water

January 30, 2020



Press release from Alachua County

June 2, 2021

Alachua County EPAC Upcoming Community Conversation Forum – A Better Future for Florida

October 12, 2021



Press release from Alachua County

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A stylized graphic of Alachua County, Florida, in light blue. Overlaid on the map is a large yellow sun with a red-to-yellow gradient in the upper left, and a silhouette of a tree in the center. The text "Thank you for supporting EPAC!!" is written in a large, bold, dark blue font across the middle of the map. Below the main text, the words "Alachua County, Florida" are written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

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