



IMPACT OF WHITNEY/WOLFORD ROAD INTERSECTION PROJECT ON ARBOR TRACE RESIDENTS

Arbor Trace residents were completely blindsided by this Plan as the main attraction to living here are the many **Southern Live Oaks** both within the community and along Whitney Road. These trees are at least **50 years old** and cannot be replaced. More than the aesthetics of having these trees remain in front of our neighborhood, are the environmental impacts this will have on us, from the fact that the trees clean the air, act as a wind barrier to protect our homes and also act as a filter to reduce traffic noise.

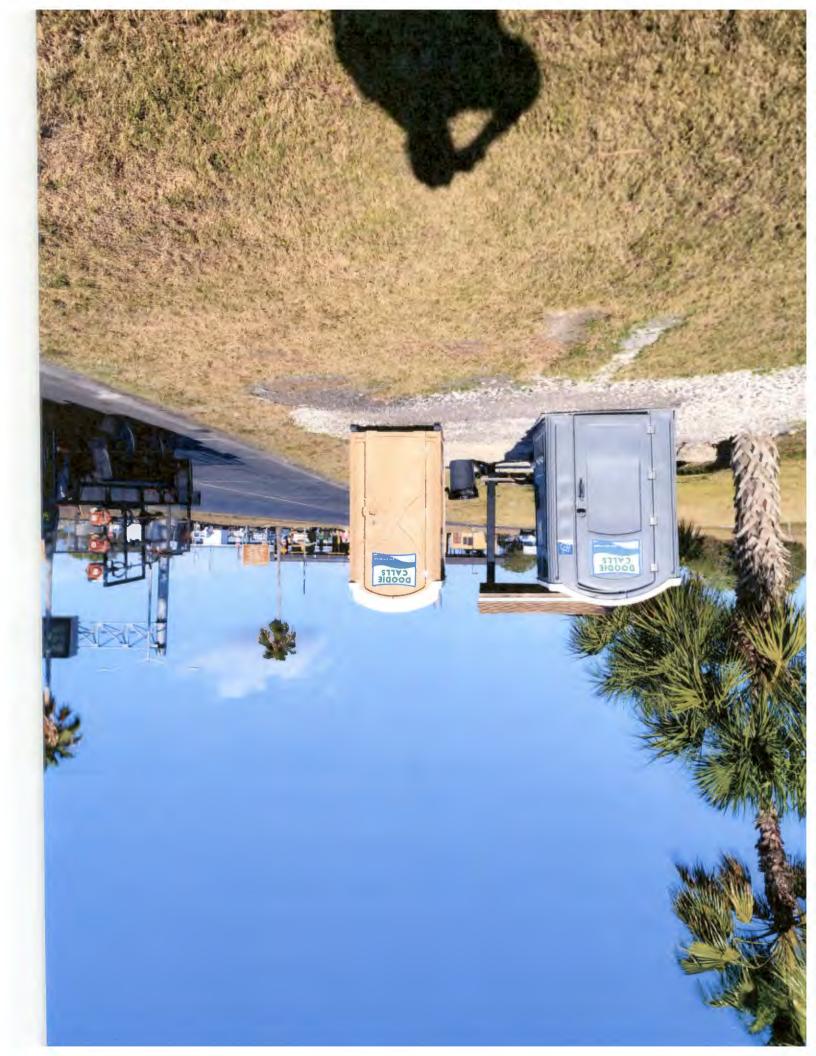
According to the Environmental and Natural Resource Protection chapter of the Pinellas County Municipal Code, specifically referring to [Permit] Applications [for tree removal],

Sec. 166-83 (e) (4)(6)(7) and (8) states:

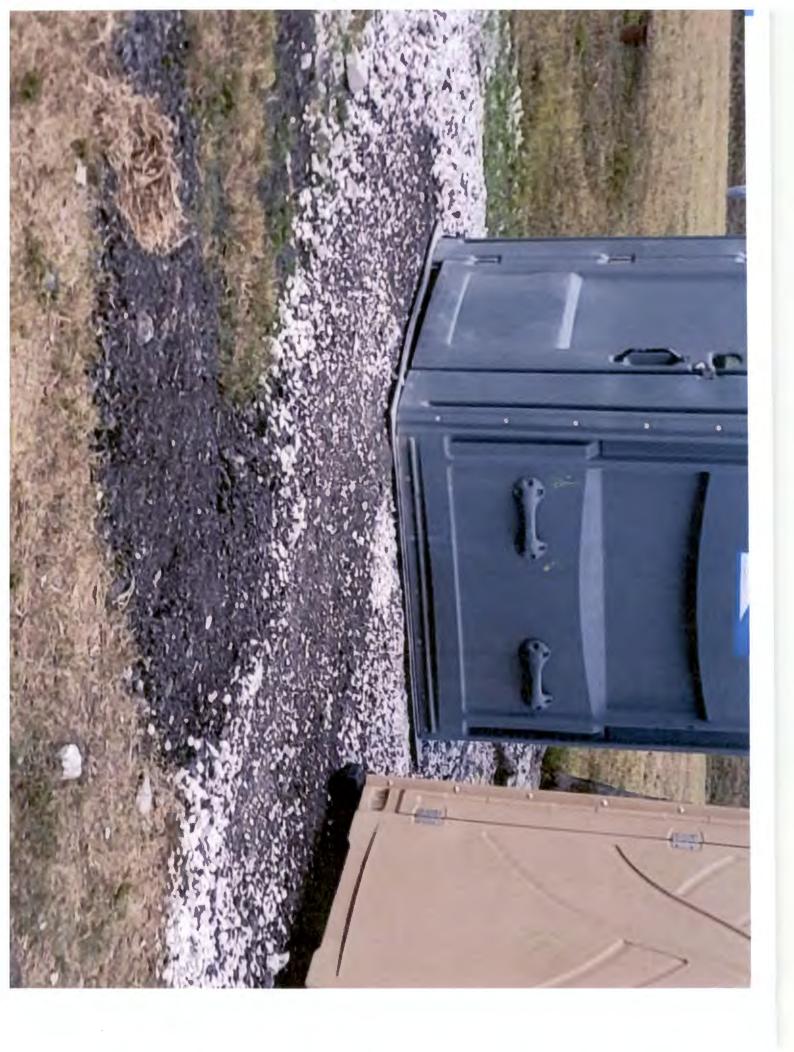
- (e) ... The county administrator or designee shall consider the potential for significant adverse impacts in the following areas on the urban and natural environment in granting a permit and meeting the other provisions of this article:
 - (4) *Noise pollution*: Whether the removal of trees or other protected vegetation will significantly increase ambient noise levels to the degree that a nuisance is anticipated to occur or that a violation of chapter 58, article XII is anticipated to occur.
 - (6) Air quality: Whether the removal of trees or other protected vegetation will significantly affect the natural cleaning of the atmosphere by vegetation through particulate matter interception or the release of oxygen to the atmosphere as a byproduct of photosynthesis.
 - (7) Wildlife habitat: Whether the removal of trees or other protected vegetation will significantly reduce available habitat for wildlife existence and reproduction, or result in the emigration of wildlife from adjacent or associated ecosystems.
 - (8) Aesthetic degradation: [And this one really applies to our community] Whether the removal of trees or other protected vegetation will have an adverse effect on property values in the neighborhood where the applicant's property is located and other existing vegetation in the vicinity.













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RECYCLING IN ST.PETERSBURG, FL

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Abstract:

This project is part of the Florida Politics and Government class at USFSP and will be using the ten steps no blame problem solving method. The City of St. Petersburg has already found ways to be more sustainable by implementing curbside recycling services and having more sustainable waste management practices like implementing waste to energy facilities. The goal of this project is making recycling more accessible to pedestrians by putting recycling bins on the streets next to the trash cans. This will reduce the amount of recyclables that get thrown away because people will now have a choice. When recycling services are not easily accessible, people are more likely to throw recyclables in the trash which then contributes to the waste stream. The City of Boise had a similar program of implementing downtown recycling. They mentioned some helpful tips like putting recycle bins near businesses that sell recyclables and predicting their people would most likely dispose of these recyclables. A first step to this project could be putting recycle bins next to every trash can on Central Ave. This would serve as a test to see how much people would recycle if recycling bins were available downtown. If successful, this could be expanded to the rest of downtown. Labeling the bins with what can and cannot be recycled is important because it would decrease the chances of people contaminating the recycling with items that pose a problem when mixed with general recyclables. In conclusion, putting recycling bins on city streets would increase the accessibility of recycling for people downtown.

Introduction (History of Recycling in St. Petersburg /Pinellas County):

Recycling in St. Petersburg Florida is pretty high among homeowners at a recorded rate of 69% in 2021, the city offers recycling pickup for residential areas and the recorded reach of this curbside pickup is over 76,000 households. St Petersburg's recycling program is also deemed a pretty progressive and inclusive system and you can find on their website the guides to recyclable materials. You can recycle aluminum and steel cans and lids, cardboard, glass containers, milk and juice cartons, drink boxes, paper, newspapers, magazines, mail, shopping ads, plastics #1-7, and plastic bottles and caps. Where people may get confused is that you cannot recycle plastic bags and wrap, flimsy plastic, or items covered in food, liquid, or grease. This only is an option, however, for homeowners. It does not extend to large apartment buildings (which are considered to be buildings with over four units in them) Meaning that anyone outside of these requirements has to completely self-manage recycling and deposit them to recycling dropoff centers themselves, or hire pick-up from companies including Conex Recycling and Waste Pro Inc. This discourages people from recycling when they have to pay or go out of their way to drop off materials somewhere else, and businesses are huge producers of waste, so even things like this that may seem small will spiral and lead to a huge amount of additional, unnecessary waste.

There aren't a lot of places to recycle when you're not at home. Commercial recycling is almost completely private, which means that businesses may only get recycling picked up using their own funds and calling in a private industry to pick up their trash. Along with all the waste being dumped instead of recycled by the commercial businesses, there is also a major lack of recycling bins available on the streets outside of these businesses, so all of the pedestrians that buy from these crosses and rectangular are also contributing to the waste because they

Proposal and Implementation:

The city of St. Petersburg is a beacon of sustainability not only for the state of Florida but for the entire country. Everyday citizens want to protect the planet and it is the government's job to make this a possibility. There is roughly a trash bin every block or two in the city, often placed at an intersection and next to a street sign or lamp. We will furnish the shopping district of Central Ave first, as it is a popular center of community engagement and hold shops and restaurants that sell single-use, recyclable materials. We would need approximately 30 recycling bins for the first leg of the project, made in the same style as the trash cans but clearly marked as recycling by blue or green paint with a printed or painted label mandating which items are recyclable in our city. Once the recycling bins have been purchased, they will be installed next to the existing city trash cans across the city, starting on Central Avenue. In St. Pete, the maintenance would depend on how many bins there are, where they are and who collects the recyclables. This is an opportunity to create more jobs in the St. Pete area, especially in this time of economic decline. If this venture is successful, the project will be expanded, installing recycling bins in all commerciallyzoned streets, as well as parks and other community attractions. Making recycling easily available to the people of St. Pete not only helps the planet, but it will boost the morale of the city and encourage other acts of environmental protection.

Environmental concerns/benefits:

Recycling is very well-known for being beneficial to the environment and could arguably be the easiest and most popular way in which humans help clean the Earth. Therefore, adding more recycling bins around St. Pete, would make recycling much more efficient and accessible. One reason why the increase in recycling bins is important is because recycled materials are not distributed to incinerators and waste landfills and instead are repurposed. Landfills and incinerators have a large burden on the emissions of toxic pollutants. Incinerators release these toxins into the air, while landfills transport the toxins through groundwater. Recycling is the process in which materials are remanufactured instead of burned or buried and overall better for the environment. Another example of the advantages of recycling is the better management of natural resources. Because we are recycling items, there is not as much a need to cut does trees for lumber, or mine minerals. With this benefit, there is also a major chunk of pollutants that will no longer be exposed from mining and deforestation events, since they are occurring at a much smaller rate. Although our proposal is to simply add more recycling bins around the St. Pete/Pinellas county area, the effects could be extremely beneficial long term. With other catastrophic world events occurring such as sea-level rise, global warming, the melting of glaciers. and many more, there is an urgency to change the "current way of life" and become more sustainable. These recycling bins will lessen the amount of recyclable materials sent to landfills/incinerators, which lessens the amount of exposed pollutants, which lessens the long-term effects of climate change and keeps the Earth clean.

Social concerns/benefits:

Climate change and the ensuing environmental protection actions are nothing short of controversial. Despite the consensus of the majority of the scientific community, there is public distrust and debate on the subject. Many citizens of the larger Pinellas area, and potentially Florida as a whole, will protest this proposition, claiming it is a waste of money. However, this venture will actually bring jobs to St. Pete – something few can disagree with. It will also clean up our city, making it a more appealing place to tourists and a more pleasant place for residents to live. Other opponents of this project may come from within the environmental science community. There is truth to the growing distrust of recycling, as it is not as efficient as it claims to be. Still, the idea of recycling is a beacon to the environmental movement, and the promotion of such will encourage the citizens of St. Pete to live more consciously sustainable lives. It will also further the city's goal of being Net Zero by 2050. Overall, the benefits of the

Financial Information:

The cost range per recycling station can be between \$500 and \$5,000 depending on design, but for the type of bin needed the price range will likely be between \$1000 and \$1500. For example, a Wydman Collection 36 Gallon Recycling Receptacle costs just under \$1,400. The average pay for a refuge and recycling collection is between about 15 and \$20 an hour, similar pay for interns. Every ton of waste sent to the landfill costs the city \$37.001f recycle bins are placed every block from 1st to 18th St on Central Ave the installation cost would be between (assuming bins are between \$1,000 and \$1,500) \$18,000 and \$27,000\$9,000 and \$1,500 if placed on every other block\$4,500 and \$6,750 if placed on every fourth block.

Conclusion:

The placing of recycling bins around St. Pete has many economic, social, and environmental benefits. There is a lot of evidence and history of these recycling programs working and overall benefiting the community, so let's make St. Pete next! With the growing global concerns and population, there is a need to take action now and help protect the environment and its citizens.



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Article 2 section 1 and the 12th Amendment of This US Constitution <u>sheds light</u> on the Electors in this government, as a militia of sorts, as Emoluments, as being a Natural born citizen, as being an "Inhabitant of the Same State Within Themselves", Entitling themselves to Hold Office for "Profit", as directed by legislature.

Claiming, in Article 3 section 2, to be "Citizens of the Same State, Claiming Lands Under Grants of Different States", regarding "Equity", arising under THIS Constitution.

In its Capture of both Land and Water in Article 1 section 8 clause 11.

Article 6 exhibits; THIS Constitution, as being under THIS Constitution as being under the Confederacy.

And, Pursues such Constitutional "cross-dressing" to be the Supreme law of the land, Claiming No Religious test is Required to Qualify. Naturalizing such "cross-dressed" citizen, all Dressed-up as a pronoun "IT", in the 14th Amendment, giving Birth to an offspring of its own Choice, containing within itself a provision for its own Amendment, based on George Washington's Farewell Address, giving Birth to its UnWarranted Water Jurisdiction, thereof. While "Cross-Dressing" itself as God/Natures God in the Declaration of Independence!

Declaring, "When in the course of human events, to dissolve <u>This</u> political connection and to Assume Separate but Equal stations among the Powers of the Earth, (Constituted as THIS) Deaf to the voice of Justice and Consanguinity!

Constitutionally "cross-dressing" and imposing tax (levies) upon the civilian population, while Candidly, Pretending to be something "other than" what it really is... when Us the People are (in fact) being politically *sodomized*!.

Legislation does not have the right to play "Constitutional" dress-up and Candidly, Pretend to be something that (in fact) they are not. And, claim such political behavior to be of a legitimate Process, Thereof.

Legislation shall <u>Not</u> assume <u>such</u> Station or any <u>such</u> Powers, under <u>such</u> Sadistic Nature, to any <u>such</u> Claim, in any <u>such</u> Process, "Birthed" in <u>such</u> an Act of Constitutional Sodomy claimed as Due, in <u>such</u> illegitimate "cross dressing" of its so-called "truth of itself" in <u>such</u> provisioning of Birthing <u>such</u> offspring of its own choice...

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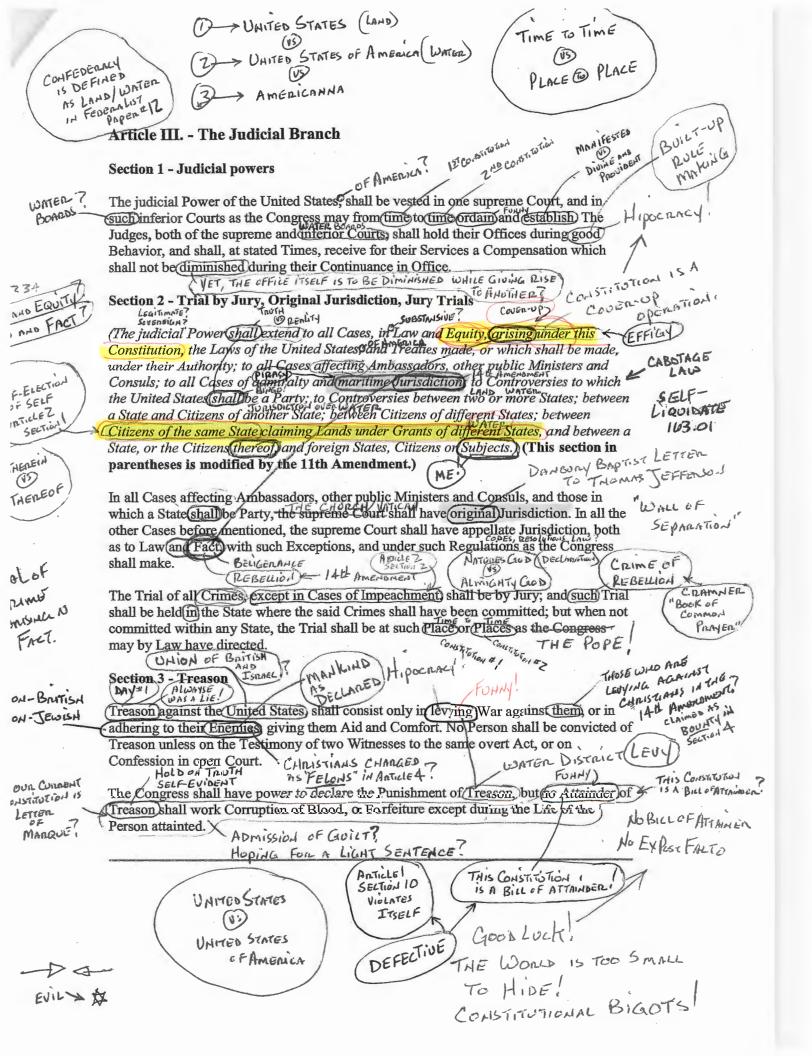
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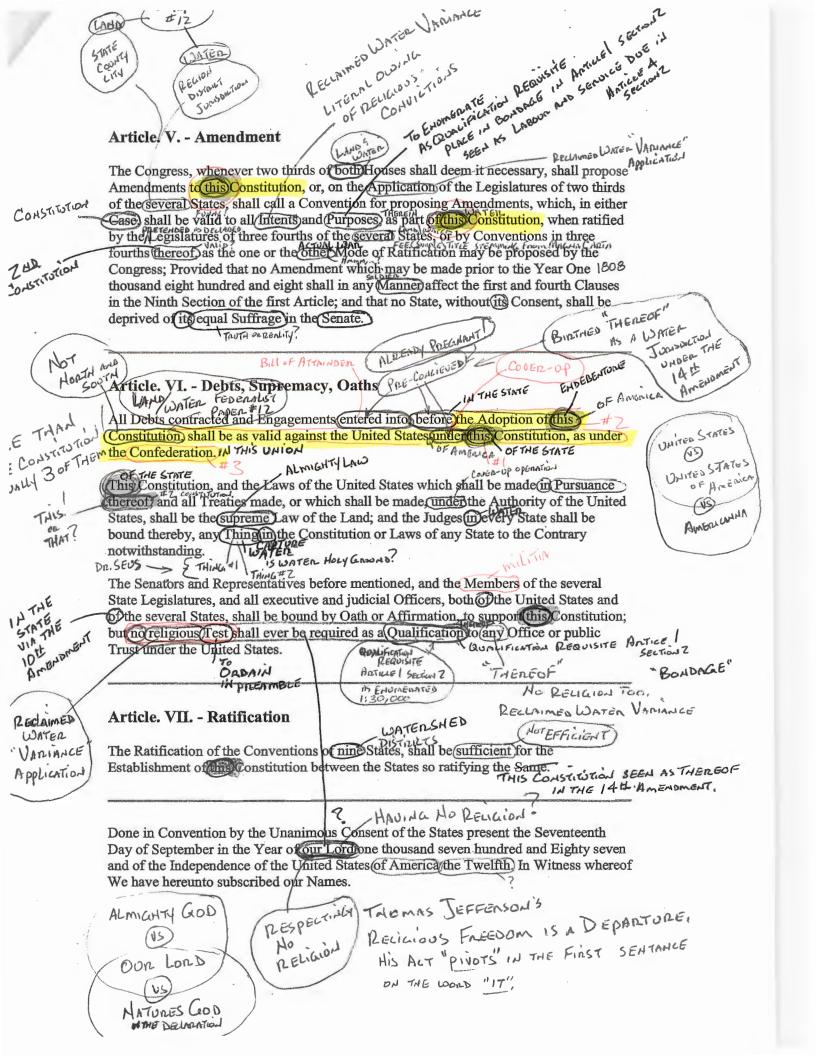
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And there being constant danger of excess; the effort ought to be by force of public opinion, to mitigate and assuage (it) A fire not to be inched, it demands a uniform vigilance to prevent its bursting into a flame, lest instead of warming, it should consume that the habits of thinking in a free country should inspire caution in those entrusted with its administration, to confine themselves within it respective constitutional spheres, avoiding in the exercise of the powers of one department to encroach upon another. The spirit of encroachment tends to isolidate the powers of all the departments in one, and thus to create, whatever the form of government, a real despotism Agust estimate of that love of power and neness to abuse it, which predominates in the human heart, is sufficient to satisfy us of the truth of this position. 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allot Summary: This amendment creates a fundamental right to clean and healthy waters. The nendment may be used to sue State executive agencies for harm or threatened harm to Florida's aters, which include aquatic ecosystems. This amendment defines terms, identifies affected onstitutional provisions in Article IV governing the executive branch, provides for civil action iforcement, allows attorney's and expert witness fees to prevailing plaintiffs, and provides equitable medies including restoration of waters.

FAREWELL ADDRESS rticle and Section Being Created or Amended: Article I, Section 28 WRITTEN BY; GEORGE WASHINGTON (FAREWELL ADDRESS)

Ill Text of the Proposed Amendment: SECTION 28. Right to Clean and Healthy Waters.— PURPOSE. Waters sustain all forms of life. Clean and healthy waters protect and promote substantial interests, sluding human health, safety and welfare, native fish and wildlife, conservation of natural resources, outdoor recreation, sthetic values, business opportunities, property values, and economic interests throughout the State. Although nsiderable attention has been given to protect and conserve waters in the State, including Article II, Section 7 of this onstitution and a comprehensive body of State environmental laws and regulations, such attention has not corrected the ntinuing decline in the condition of waters in the State. The poor condition of many important waters throughout the ate has led the people of Florida, in their inherent political power, to create this fundamental right to clean and healthy iters. State executive agencies are instrumental to the effort to protect Florida waters from harm and threatened harm. onsequently, to promote the interests of Florida's people, businesses, organizations, communities, and economies in an and healthy waters, this Section provides for equitable remedies against the actions or inactions of State executive encies that harm or threaten harm to Florida waters, with the goal of clean and healthy waters and the aspiration that iters in the State will one day flourish.

DECLARATION OF RIGHT. The people have the inherent political power pursuant to Article I, Section 1 of this institution to create the fundamental right to clean and healthy waters. The people hereby declare this fundamental ht, which is indefeasible.

HARM PROHIBITED. It shall be unlawful, and considered a violation of the right to clean and healthy waters, for a ate executive agency, as defined herein, to harm or threaten to harm Florida waters by action or inaction, including by gulation, rule, policy, plan, standard, permit, practice including management practice, activity, agreement, memorandum understanding, order, or by inaction that permits harm or threatened harm about which the State executive agency ew or should have known.

ENFORCEMENT

(1) A person, as defined herein, may bring a civil action for injunctive or declaratory relief in a court of competent isdiction against a State executive agency for violating this Section. Exhaustion of administrative remedies and tification time periods shall not be required. A plaintiff is not required to allege special or direct injury to state a plaint.

(2) Any violation under this Section will be considered de novo. Due to the fundamental nature of this right, to avoid tility where a violation is shown, a State executive agency shall be required to demonstrate that its action or inaction, as scriped in subsection (c), was necessary to promote a compelling government interest and was narrowly tailored to vance that interest. Where a party's action or inaction is found to be a substantial factor in a violation of this Section. at party shall be liable for the violation and shall not avoid liability on the basis that the action or inaction of another party nonparty has also contributed to the violation.

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- (3) A prevailing plaintiff shall be entitled to appropriate declaratory relief and to such equitable relief as may be propriate to remedy the violation including, without limitation, injunctive relief to restore waters to the condition that isted prior to the proven violation. In addition, a prevailing plaintiff shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's and expert tness fees.
- DEFINITIONS. For purposes of this Section, the following words and terms shall have the stated meanings:
- (1) "Clean and healthy waters" are waters free from harm, or threat of harm, that occurs after the effective date of this ection. Indicators of clean and healthy waters include water quality safe for native fish and wildlife and human recreation, d regarding drinking water sources, safe for human consumption; sufficient habitats, water filtration, and element cling to support thriving populations and diverse communities of native fish and wildlife; natural flow regimes, to include charging ground or underground water; and other ecological processes and functions to be intact.
- (2) "Harm" means the introduction of pathogens, contaminants, or toxins into waters or the disruption of natural drological or ecological processes or functions of waters. This term includes but is not limited to such chemical, plogical, or physical stressors to waters that contribute to unnatural water levels or nutrient loads; that remove, fragment, degrade habitat of native fish or wildlife; that disturb vegetation or soil near the edge of waters; that introduce exotic or rasive species; that obstruct or divert natural flow; that overexploit native species; and that negatively affect the health humans or of native fish or wildlife.
- (3) "Person" means any individual, partnership, joint venture, corporation; any group of the foregoing to include nprofit organizations; any tribal entity; or any government entity.
- (4) "State executive agencies" shall mean the following governmental entities and officers: The Governor; the Cabinet d members of the Cabinet; each State executive officer and State executive department, and each State executive partmental unit described in Section 20.04, Florida Statutes; the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; each atter management district; and each officer and governmental entity of the executive branch having statewide jurisdiction jurisdiction in more than one county.
- (5) "Waters" refers to the aquatic ecosystems of aquifers, bays, creeks, estuaries, estuarine systems, lagoons, lakes, ers, riverine systems, springs, streams, wetlands, intracoastal and coastal waters within the boundaries of the State of orida and shall include the natural tributaries and artificial waterways which impact these water bodies. This term shall blude fresh, brackish, saline, tidal, surface, ground and underground water associated with these water bodies.
- OTHER CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS. This Section affects constitutional provisions of the executive branch: ticle IV, Section 1 (Governor); Article IV, Section 4 (Cabinet); Article IV, Section 6 (Executive departments); Article IV, section 9 (Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission).
- SELF-EXECUTING. Implementing legislation is not required to enforce this Section. This Section is remedial and all be given a liberal construction to fully effectuate its purpose.
- EFFECTIVE DATE. This Section shall become effective immediately upon approval by the electors of Florida.
- SEVERABILITY. If any part of this Section, or the application of this Section to any person or circumstance, is held ralid, the remainder of this Section, including the application of such part to other persons or circumstances, shall not be ected by such a holding and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the parts of this Section are severable.

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