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In recent years, Pinellas has greatly expanded the area covered by hurricane evacuation zone A. Much of the expansion is not due to new models showing that expected surge is higher than previously expected. It's because Zone A has been changed from areas up to 6 feet above water to areas up to 11 feet above water. This is imposing an unreasonable burden on people who were previously in Zone B or Zone C and are needlessly being ordered to evacuate far more frequently than before. Studies also show that needless evacuations cause people to ignore future evacuation orders including when the situation may actually be worse than past storms. The County needs to reevaluate the evacuation zones and reverse the expansion of Zone A.

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