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**From:** billbouwmeester@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 16, 2021 2:49 PM  
**To:** Burton, Barry; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Long, Janet C; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Gerard, Pat; Robinson-Flowers, Rene  
**Cc:** brandes.jeff.web@flsenate.gov; Linda Chaney  
**Subject:** Shell Key & Grand Canal Pending Closure

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Dear Commissioners,

I'm encouraged by the board's willingness to explore alternative funding sources for the Grand Canal dredging project at last week's "Citizens to be Heard" session . Since I have been called out of town, I signed up to speak on this topic at next week's June 22<sup>nd</sup> session via Zoom. As a 30 year resident of the Grand Canal, I offer insight into our current dilemma regarding Shell Key and the pending Grand Canal closure. I also suggest a more permanent fix for the problem as well as discuss alternative funding resources both the county and state should consider. I also hope the board will explain the discrepancies between the June, 2020 letter sent to residents and Resolution 20-142 approving the non-ad valorem assessment process.

Three minutes is not enough time to cover each topic in meaningful detail. Therefore, I have published a 28 minute YouTube video (<https://youtu.be/YYi-RhTciFI>) to help the board better understand the history of Shell Key and its important interaction with the Grand Canal. Also discussed are the actions and inactions taken by your predecessors concerning the county's management of the Preserve. Included are state and county documents to help better understand the management and financial responsibilities the county has contractually agreed to concerning this matter.

To my surprise, the video has already gone viral reaching a good portion of the Tierra Verde community (1,300 views in just 1 week). The responses received have been 100% positive. Hopefully you and your staff will take 28 minutes to view it. Everything I want to say is in this video. I'm happy to answer questions concerning my interruption of the research presented during the three short minutes I have in front of the board next week.

<https://youtu.be/YYi-RhTciFI>

Thank you in advance for your attention in this important community matter....Bill

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**Direction of Inquiry** Request a Service

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**Subject** Land use: The tides

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**Message** I am writing to thank you for denying a land use amendment for the Tides in Seminole. I commend you for your wisdom in maintaining it as recreation/open space. The benefits of restoration and preservation are immediately obvious when we look at the Baypointe Stormwater and Conservation Area, another wise decision of yours, for which we are grateful.

Life is hard, and one way I find renewal is to go walking at Baypointe. I marvel at the positive changes since you designated it as a conservation area. The water is healthy and the wildlife is thriving. This week alone, I've seen a wading roseate spoonbill, a family of moor hens with babies, and a flock of skimmers repeatedly diving and capturing fish in the clean water. I've regularly seen redwing blackbirds, pileated woodpeckers, mallard ducks, egrets, herons, anhingas, owls, and woodstorks. We've spotted a migratory blue winged teal and an osprey capturing a fish from the water. I could go on and on, you get the idea. This place is a treasure! After time spent in this beautiful open space that you've created, I find I am better able to be productive in my work and in my life. It makes me feel grateful to be a citizen of Pinellas County.

Please hold fast to the comprehensive plan for this vulnerable and valuable area known as the Tides. It will surely be an asset for the future quality of life for both the creatures and the citizens of Pinellas County.

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