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From: SAVE OUR TIDES RECREATIIONAL OPEN SPACE <ronvstephens@gmail.com>

Sent: April 27, 2020 1:25 PM

To: Mattaniah Jahn <mjahn@thelawmpowered.com>

Subject: TIDES PROPERTY-FLOOD PLAIN RESOURCE

Dear County Commissioners, Members of our LPA Board, Ladies and Gentlemen of our County Engineers:

Not long ago, I wrote about our Commissioner, Janet Long writing a column in the Tampa Bay Times entitled: A TAMPA BAY APPROACH TO MAKE REGION MORE RESILIENT AGAINST FLOODS,STORMS. I could tell reading through the article, that Commissioner Long considers this a very near and dear cause that must be controlled in the best way possible. This subject is important because of the many coastal Communities Our County has that are major areas of concern for flooding! Our County is trying to figure out ways of stopping our County from future flooding while making policies to generate a backbone to said policies!

IMPORTANTLY...YOU DO NOT BUILD 273 HOMES IN A FLOOD ZONE LIKE Mr. Hill and Mr. Carpenter would like to do in their RESTORATION BAY DEVELOPMENT PLAN!

FEMA DOES NOT WANT IT!

OUR COUNTY DOES NOT WANT IT!

OUR FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT SAYS IT SHOULD NOT HAPPEN!

OUR COASTAL MANAGEMENT ELEMENT SAYS IT SHOULD NOT HAPPEN!

OUR NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT ELEMENT SAYS IT SHOULD NOT HAPPEN!

AND THANK GOD FOR OUR STAFF OF PINELLAS COUNTY ENGINEERS CONCLUDING THAT IT MUST NOT HAPPEN WITH THEIR RECOMMENDATION OF DENIAL OF case# Z/LU-14-09-19 PRESERVATION BAY GOING FORWARD TO OUR LPA BOARD!

The Tides is our NATURAL FLOOD PLAIN RESOURCE!

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WE MUST NOT ALLOW IT'S DESTRUCTION!

Florida Disaster.Org put out a pamphlet "A Guide to Flood Mitigation".In this pamphlet, they talk about PROTECTING NATURAL FLOOD PLAIN RESOURCES! It says, "Flood plains, wetlands, and coastal barrier resources or land use regulations, such as zoning, can be used to steer development away from sensitive or natural areas".
Our Tides is our NATURAL FLOOD PLAIN RESOURCE!

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More than 3/4 of the Tides Golf Course is a 500 Year Flood Zone. 1/2 of it is a 100 year flood zone! THIS IS A VERY SENSITIVE AREA FOR OUR COUNTY AND ASSUREDLY FOR OUR COMMUNITY!

Dear County Commissioners, the Tides is the Core of our Community! Our Protector! Our special resource and home for thousands of birds, animals and mammals!

HOW CAN WE EVEN THINK OF EVER DESTROYING SUCH A VALUABLE RESOURCE FOR OUR COUNTY AND ESPECIALLY OUR COMMUNITY! WE ALL KNOW ONCE DESTROYED IT WILL NEVER BE DUPLICATED IN OUR COUNTY!

WE MUST NOT LOSE IT!

COMMISSIONERS, MEMBERS OF OUR LPA BOARD.....PLEASE, for the sake of our COMMUNITY:

VOTE NO TO ANY CHANGE IN LAND DESIGNATION FOR THE TIDES GC RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE!

VOTE NO TO ANY ZONING CHANGES FOR THE TIDES GOLF COURSE!

VOTE NO TO ANY DEVELOPMENT OF THE TIDES GOLF COURSE RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE!

Respectfully,

Ron Stephens

SAVE OUR TIDES GC RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE

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From: Ron Stephens <ronvstephens@gmail.com>
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To: Swinton, Tammy M <tswinton@co.pinellas.fl.us>
Subject: Tides/Boca Ciega Millenium Park Fraternal Twins

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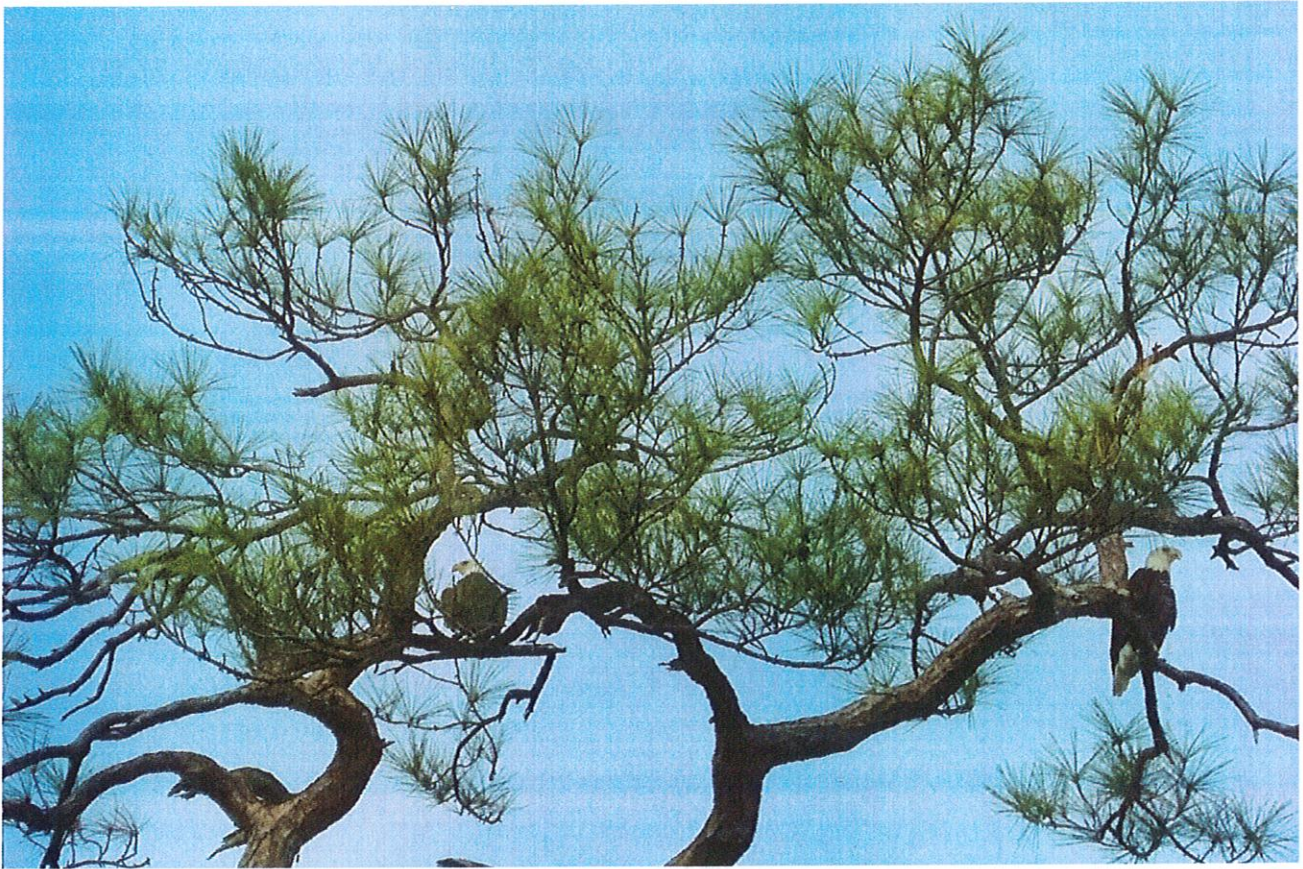
Dear Pinellas County Commissioners, Members of our LPA Board, Ladies and Gentlemen of our Pinellas County Staff:

For probably over 1,000 years or longer, two pieces of property have lived side by side....At one time... together as one very large piece of property over 330 acres! Land that residents hunted on! Land that became dirt bike tracks! Land that got divided, one into our Beloved Boca Ciega Millennium Park.....the other... our Tides Golf Course Recreational Open Space!

Like Fraternal twins, each has a different beauty and purpose!

One special purpose they both share.....they are playgrounds, hunting grounds, nesting grounds, sanctuaries for thousands of animals and birds!

A pair of Eagles come to the Tides year after year. One year not so long ago, five eagles returned to the Tides...two adults with three juveniles! The Tides is their playground and hunting grounds!



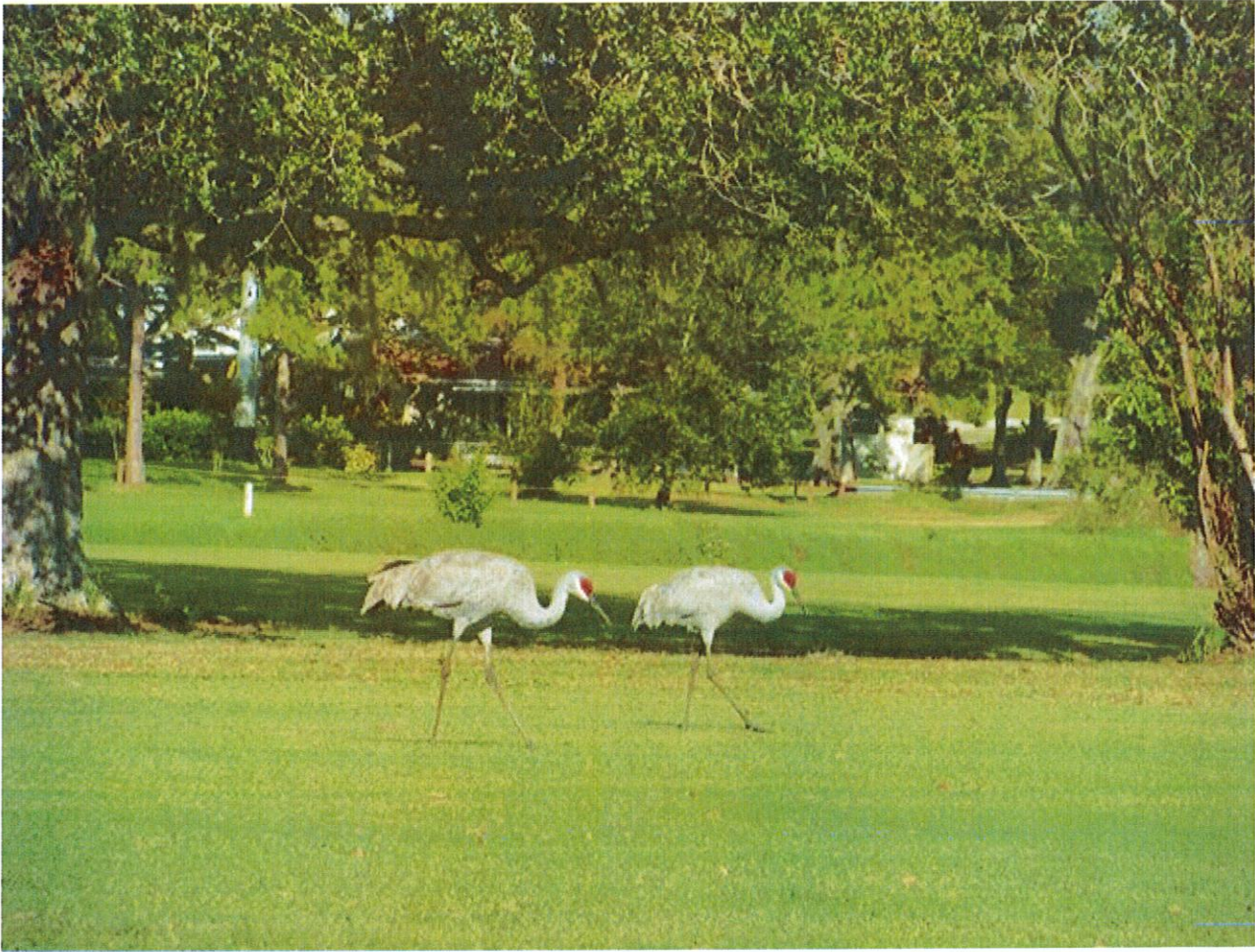
Otters scamper across the vast open spaces of the Tides to play and eat in the Tides lakes.



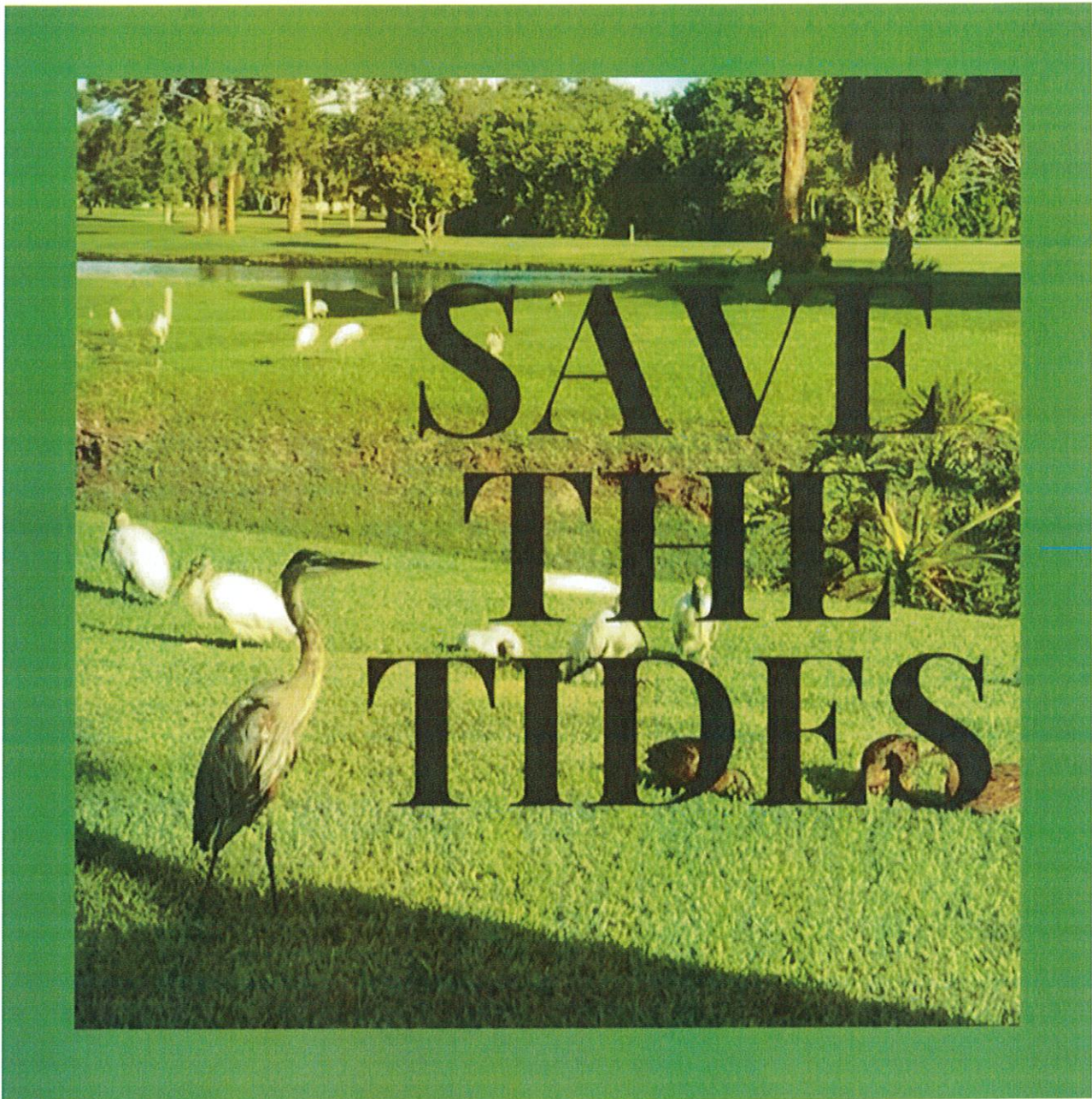
Endangered Wood storks call the Tides their home!



Threatened Sand hill Cranes rely on the Tides for their sanctuary!



Birds of all types, red tailed hawks, Owls, White Ibis, Rosette Spoonbills and red headed woodpeckers to name a few that make the Tides their sanctuary!

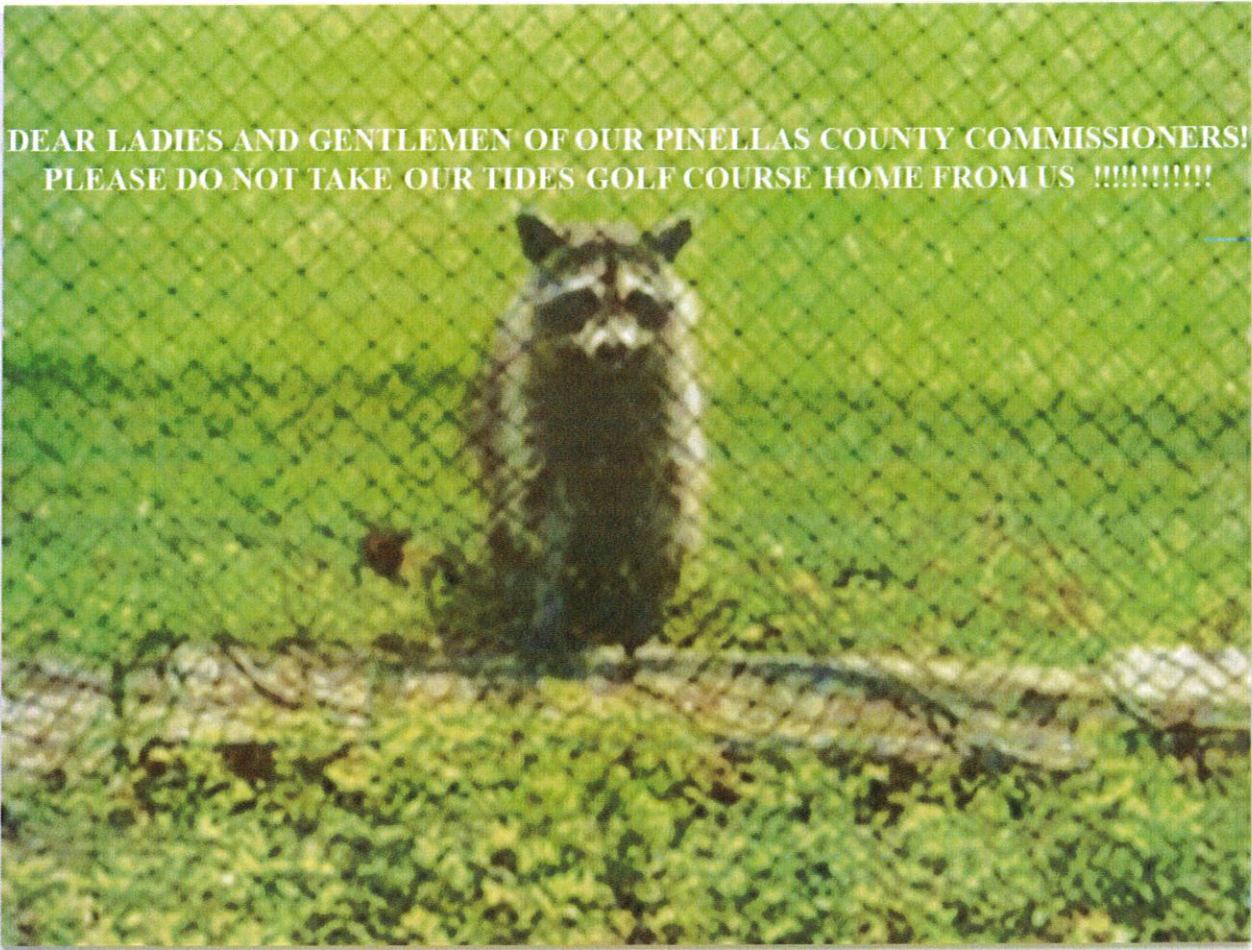


During our winter season **the Manatee use the Tides for their sanctuary as well....hugging it's mangroves for warmth and protection!**



Coyotes, Armadillos, Possums, Ospreys, Egrets plus raccoon's all inhabit the Tides calling it their home! They prosper here, they multiply here, they simply do well being part of our Tides Recreational Open Space!

DEAR LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF OUR PINELLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS!
PLEASE DO NOT TAKE OUR TIDES GOLF COURSE HOME FROM US !!!!!!!!!!!!!



Turtles are everywhere on the Tides, laying their eggs where ever they find their perfect area. Because of the Fence now surrounding the Tides, many of these turtles are now finding themselves trapped and unable to be free in the Tides environment!



There are many more stories of wild life needing the Tides for it's survival...they are just too numerous to capture here. **My point to all this...The Tides is needed not just because our Community Needs it...The Tides becomes the reason why wildlife in our area survives and thrives....rather than dying!** The Tides and the Boca Ciega Millennium Park need each other for the sake of the wildlife that use these areas for their very survival!

Our County Staff has sent a recommendation of DENIAL to our LPA Board and to Mr. Hill for his Restoration Bay development Plan Case # Z/LU-14-09-19. This Plan is inconsistent with our Pinellas County Comprehensive Plan...plus it gives nothing back to our Community and destroys the Sanctuary and home of thousands of wildlife!

Dear Pinellas County Commissioners and Members of our LPA Board....when this development plan comes before you...we are asking you to:

VOTE NO TO ANY CHANGE IN LAND DESIGNATION FOR THE TIDES GOLF COURSE RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE!

VOTE NO TO ANY ZONING CHANGES FOR OUR TIDES GOLF COURSE RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE!

VOTE NO TO ANY DEVELOPMENT OF OUR TIDES GOLF COURSE RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE!

RESPECTFULLY!

Ron Stephens

SAVE OUR TIDES GC RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE

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From: Ron Stephens <ronvstephens@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 5:28 PM
To: Swinton, Tammy M <tswinton@co.pinellas.fl.us>
Subject: WE MUST NOT LOSE OUR RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE!

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Dear Pinellas County Commissioners, LPA Board Members, Ladies and Gentlemen of our County Staff Engineers:

Mary Ellen and Carl, members of our Community, just wrote an excellent e-mail to our Pinellas County Commissioners. LPA Board Members and our County Staff. I am sending this back with my comments... **that they are spot on**. We must not let an Outsider, who cares less about what transpires in our Community after he destroys it, to enable him to take our **RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE AWAY FROM US...FROM OUR COMMUNITY...FROM OUR COUNTY!**

PLAIN AND SIMPLE...WE DO NOT WANT IT TO HAPPEN!

Here Goes:

Email Subject Line: TIDES RECREATIONAL GREEN SPACE - THE COUNTY'S SAFETY VALVE

Dear Pinellas County Commissioners, Members of our LPA Board, Ladies and Gentlemen of our County Engineers:

First, we hope and pray this email finds you and your families well during this uncharted time.

With these sincere wishes, we seek to offer these logical thoughts that impact our community's health:

Recreational GreenSpace provides a day-to-day benefit to Pinellas County and it is why it is part of Pinellas County's Strategic Plan!

One of the of the key tenants of Pinellas County's Strategic Plan is: **"Do Things to Serve the Public"** and, in part, states:

Practice Superior Environmental Stewardship.

Further supported by 3.2 & 3.3:

3.2 Preserve and manage environmental lands, beaches, parks, and historical assets.

3.3 Protect and improve the quality of our water, air, and other natural resources.

We know that Recreational GreenSpaces offer critical benefits in times of man-made or natural disasters. Whether it is providing needed drainage to our community to prevent catastrophic flooding during hurricanes or **a recognized healthy means for social-distancing during COVID-19, Pinellas County needs to retain these safety valves.**

As we look out our window during **SAFER AT HOME**, there is a beautiful green space that was zoned for the community's benefit and should be used to its fullest, intended purpose.

It should **NOT** be rezoned and/or developed so that it raises **STRESS**-levels through overcrowding, traffic congestion, further strain on resources and the removal of the aforementioned critical safety valves!

Please:

Keep the TIDES RECREATIONAL GREEN SPACE!!!!!!!!!!!!

Please:

VOTE NO TO ANY DESIGNATION CHANGE TO OUR TIDES GOLF COURSE RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE!

VOTE NO TO ANY ZONING CHANGE FOR THE TIDES GOLF COURSE RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE!

VOTE NO TO ANY DEVELOPMENT OF THE TIDES GOLF COURSE RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE!

Thank you so much for your time and may you and your families be well!

Most Sincerely,

Mary Ellen and Carl Haselden

12050 66th Ave. N.

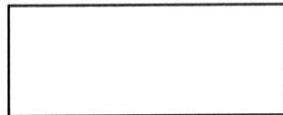
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Dear Pinellas County Commissioners, Members of our LPA Board, Ladies and Gentlemen of our Pinellas County Engineering Staff!

Back in 2013, Taylor Morrison submitted a Development Plan to destroy the Tides Golf Course and build 170 homes. In 2014, our **Development Plan County Staff review Committee** recommended **THE TAYLOR MORRISON DEVELOPMENT PLAN** be DENIED and sent that recommendation to the Pinellas County LPA Board:

CASE No. Z/LU-19-8-13 (Tides Golf Club)

January 9, 2014

Planning Staff Recommendation

The County Staff recommends that the LPA find, conclude and recommend to the Board of County Commissioners that: a) the Proposed Future Land Use Map (FLUM) Amendment, rezoning and associated Development Agreement are inconsistent with the Pinellas County Comprehensive Plan; and b) the proposed FLUM amendment and rezoning be denied, and c) that no action be taken on the Associated Development Agreement.

NOTHING HAS CHANGED HERE!

Mr. Hill and Mr. Carpenter have now submitted their Development Plan for 273 home

(103 more homes that what Taylor Morrison Wanted) to

destroy the Tides Golf Course that they now call Restoration Bay Case# Z/LU-14-09-19 filed 7/23/2019!

DEAR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LPA BOARD MEMBERS and

COUNTY STAFF OF ENGINEERS....WE ARE YOUR

COMMUNITY....WE NEED YOUR HELP IN DEFEATING THIS

DESTRUCTION OF THE TIDES....WE HAVE NO ONE ELSE TO TAKE

UP OUR SIDE..... IF YOU DO NOT!

WE HAVE REMAINED A COMMUNITY THAT IS UNINCORPORATED AND SAFE GUARDED BY OUR COUNTY BECAUSE WE FEEL YOU WILL ALWAYS DO YOUR PART IN PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITY FROM HARM!

WE ARE NOW IN HARMS WAY!

We cannot let this happen.

IN THE PLANNING TO STAY SECTION OF OUR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

It requires that the "ETHIC OF SUSTAINABILITY" be "fundamental" to every County policy, decision and plan. Principle 3 of the PLANNING TO STAY requires that the long term impacts of each policy decision will be evaluated to ensure that it does not compromise a "Sustainable Future"! This development plan which wants to amend our Future Land Use Map (FLUM), causes a Recreational Open Space to be destroyed so this developer can make millions off his land deals! This large loss of land, 96 or more acres of buildable land and 150 acres of Recreational Open Space....is a great loss to our Community! In our "BUILT OUT" community...it can never be replaced!

We want our Community to be a SUSTAINABLE ONE....our TIDES has been our COMMUNITY CENTER, OUR RECREATION CENTER, OUR PROTECTOR FROM FLOOD DISASTERS, OUR WATER CLEANSER, SAFE GUARDER OF OUR INTRA-COASTAL WATER WAY TO IT'S SOUTH, OUR HISTORIC REFUGE OF THOUSANDS OF YEARS of ARTIFACTS AND INDIAN MOUNDS, IT CLEANS OUR AIR, FILLS OUR AQUIFER, PROVIDES SANCTUARY FOR THOUSANDS OF WILDLIFE.....A TRUE PROPERTY OF TREASURES WE MUST NOT LOSE!

WE HAVE MAINTAINED OUR STATUS AS AN UNINCORPORATED PINELLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY.....WE HAVE ALWAYS FELT IN THE PAST YOU WOULD PROTECT OUR RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACES FROM THE DESTRUCTION OF ANYONE....ESPECIALLY OUTSIDERS BENT ON THE TOTAL DESTRUCTION OF THE TIDES GOLF COURSE RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE!

THE TIDES IS THE GEM OF OUR COMMUNITY AND COUNTY.....WE MUST NOT LET THIS HAPPEN!

DEAR COMMISSIONERS.....**THIS LAYS SOLELY ON YOUR SHOULDERS NOW-THERE IS NO REASON THIS SHOULD EVER BE APPROVED**....WE ARE ASKING YOU TO BE OUR PROTECTOR....BE OUR LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL....DO NOT LET THIS DEVELOPER DESTROY WHAT IS MOST PRECIOUS TO OUR COMMUNITY!

Dear Planning Staff, LPA Board Members.....we must not allow this Development Plan to go through. *This will destroy the focal GEM of our COMMUNITY!*

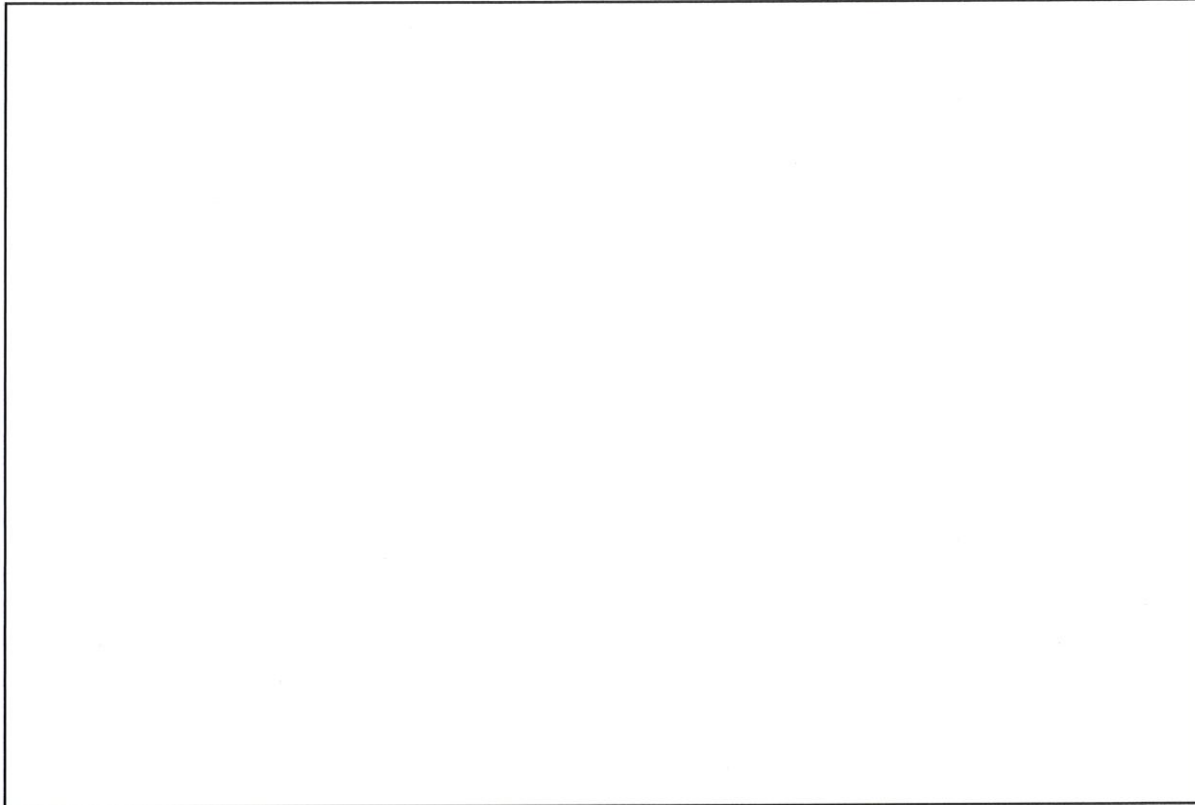
This area is not just a golf Course....it is a gathering place for our Community and many thousands of others that hope to come here every year!

Over 19,191 signatures and growing, are on our SAVE THE TIDES PETITION, 82% Alone are Pinellas County citizens, others are visitors to our Community from other Florida Counties, visitors from 42 States in the United States and visitors from 20 Foreign Countries are asking our County to **SAVE THE TIDES GOLF COURSE RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE FROM DESTRUCTION.**

Once this development plan is stopped, we have people that

want to buy this property from these developers!

PLEASE.....DO NOT LET THIS RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE BE DESTROYED!



In OUR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, OBJECTIVE 1.5 of the RECREATION, OPEN SPACE and CULTURE ELEMENT states: "IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIMITED AMOUNT OF AVAILABLE OPEN SPACES REMAINING WITHIN OUR COUNTY, PINELLAS COUNTY SHALL PROHIBIT THE CONVERSION OF DEDICATED RECREATION/OPEN SPACE LAND USES"

PLEASE, PINELLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS....WE LOOK TO YOU NOW.....BE OUR PROTECTORS FROM THIS GREIVIOUS HARM THAT MR. HILLS AND HIS DEVELOPMENT PLAN WANT TO INFLICT ON OUR COMMUNITY AND COUNTY:

VOTE NO TO ANY DESIGNATION CHANGE TO THE TIDES GOLF COURSE!

VOTE NOT TO ANY ZONING CHANGE TO THE TIDES GOLF COURSE!

VOTE NO TO ANY DEVELOPMENT OF THE TIDES GOLF COURSE RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE!

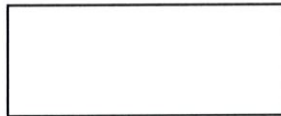
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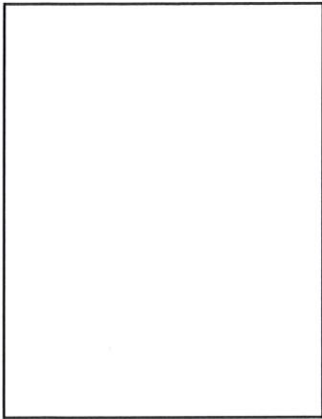
Dear County Commissioners, Members of our LPA Board, Ladies and Gentlemen of our Pinellas County Engineers:

I wrote part of this e-mail to everyone awhile ago about the game of Golf and it's history in Florida! This is so important to our Community and County, that I improved on it and hope you will all read it in it's entirety! Please read it and see how our young people are being affected by a game some say is dying....***I THINK NOT!***

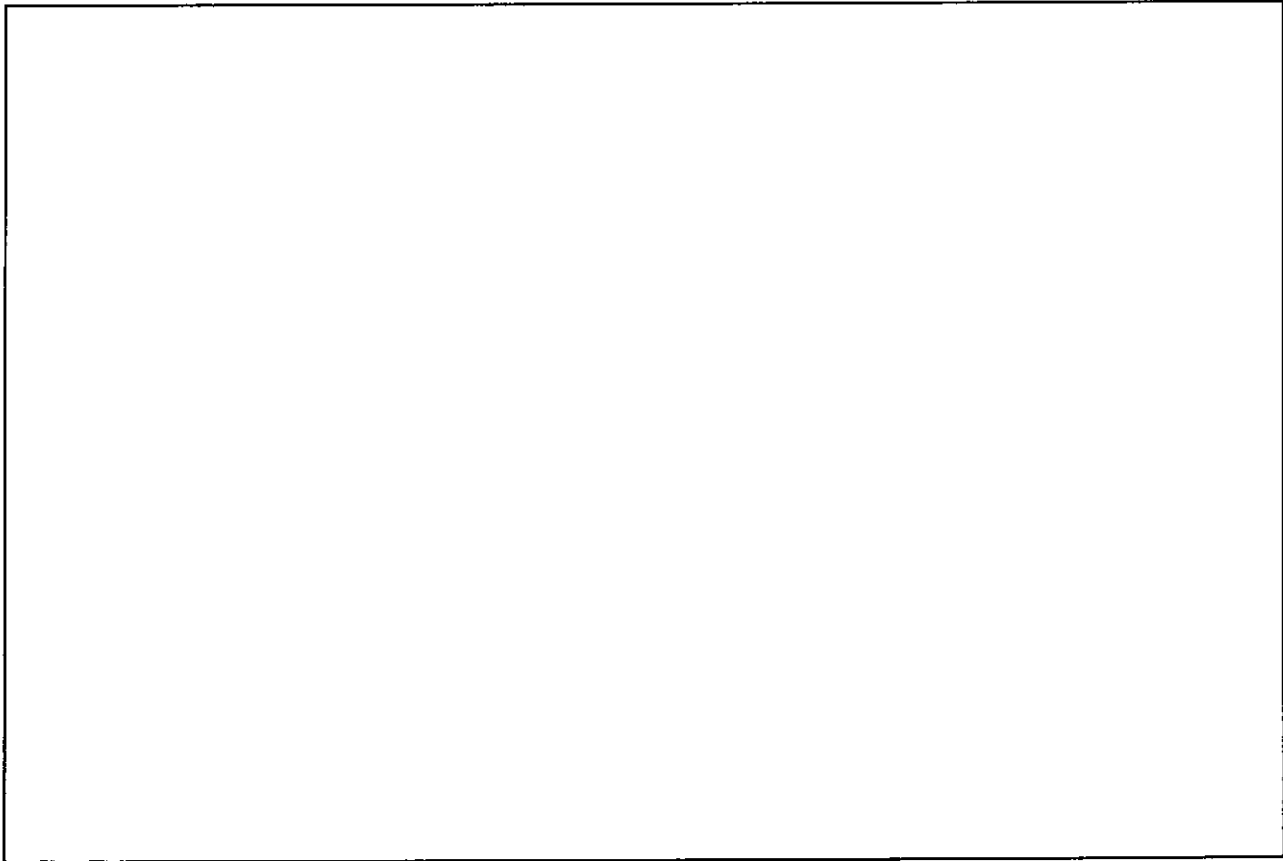
The ***History of Golf in Florida*** dates back before 1900! **John Gillespie**, a Scottish immigrant, established his homestead in Sarasota, Florida in 1886. When he arrived, his **passion for the Game of Golf** arrived with him, causing him to **construct a two hole golf "course" which became the origin of golfing in Florida and one of the first recorded in the Nation!**

Henry Flagler, recognized the importance of this recreational game and built golf courses along with his resort hotels on the East Coast line for his railway. **Henry Plant did like wise** for his rail system when he built his famous **Bellevue Biltmore hotel along with it's famous golf course...the Bellevue Biltmore Country Club.**

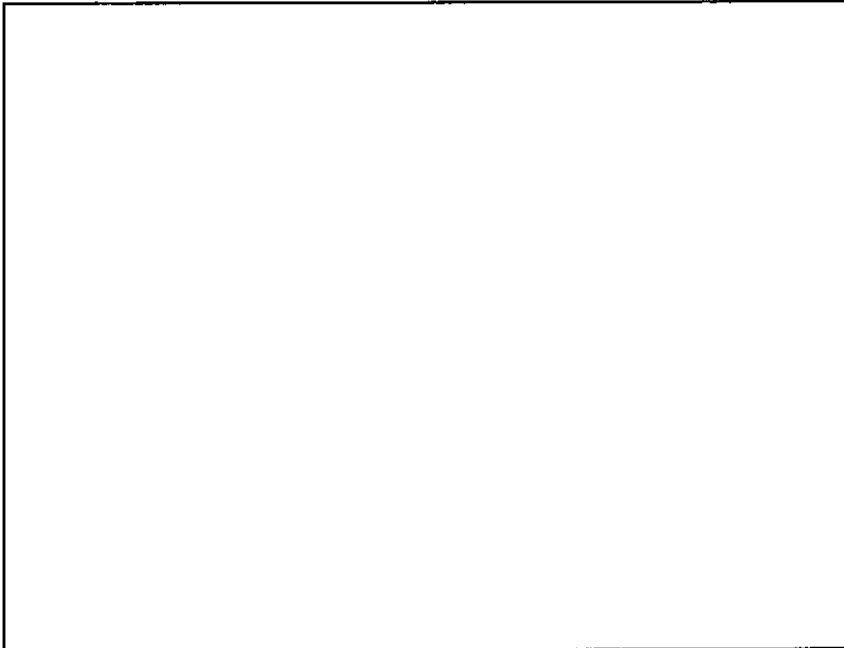
The **Florida Department of Historical Resources** acknowledges that Florida welcomes golfers from all over the world to come and enjoy it's more than 1100 courses in more than 500 of it's golf communities! The Florida Historical Resources Depart of Florida states, "**In the 21st Century, golf in Florida is more than just an enjoyable pastime...it is a key industry contributing to the vitality of local communities and the state economy!**" The importance of our golfing heritage is published in a magazine developed by Florida's Department of Historical Resources called: Florida Historic Golf Trail. (SEE BELOW)



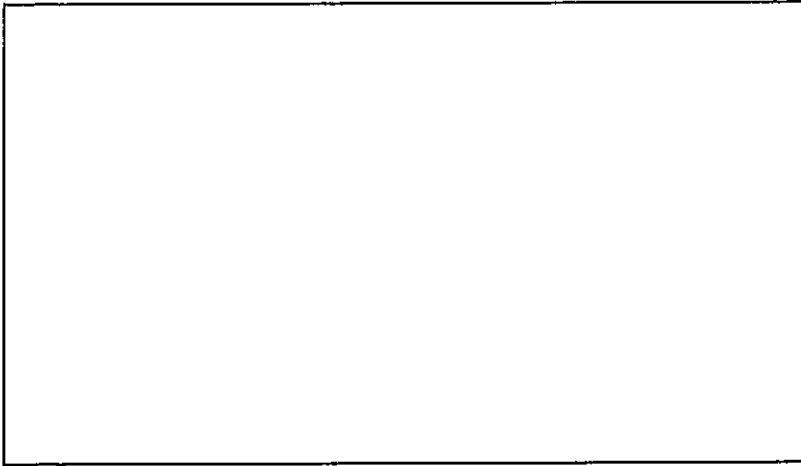
Young people like those you see below are golf's sponges, learning all they can about a game they are **LOVING!**



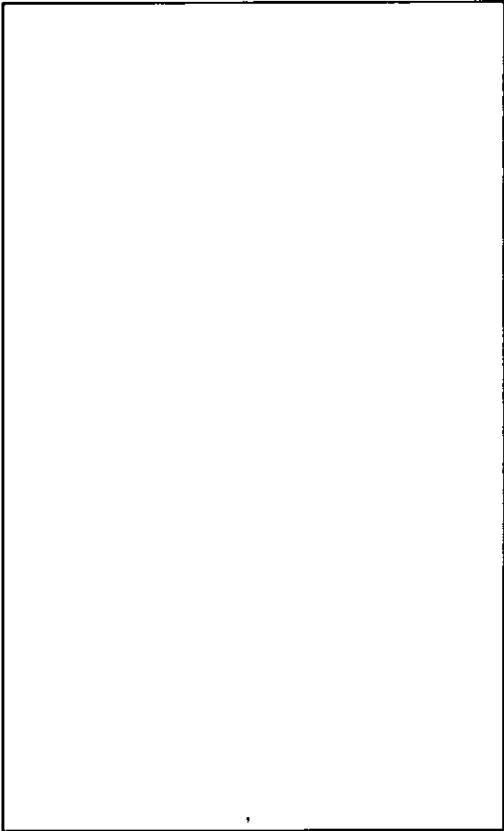
Kids of all ages are out to learn a game they think is exciting and fruitful!



Our State even has a license plate called the Golf Capital of the World in Florida to help support the Youth of our Society to give them the opportunity to participate in a game they love!



Charles Alberding, the Owner of The Tides Bath Club on Redington and the Vinoy Hotel, built the Tides to be an ongoing golf course that Generations to come would be able to enjoy it's splendor!



Charles had plenty of money, but he wanted his Tides Golf Course creation to symbolize the beauty and love for Nature that the Tides stood for. Mr. Alberding loved his creation...The Tides Golf Course...and envisioned it would last into MANY,MANY GENERATIONS TO COME! Mr. Hills

development plan Case# Z/LU-14-09-19 cares less about that...he WANTS THE TIDES DESTROYED SO HE CAN FILL HIS GREEDY BANK ACCOUNT! THAT WOULD BE A SAD DAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND COUNTY IF WE LET SUCH A THING HAPPEN!

He is trying to do an end run around our County and it's COMPREHENSIVE PLAN....WE MUST NOT LET THAT HAPPEN!

Our Comprehensive Plan emphasizes in Objective 1.4 of the Recreation, Open Space and Culture Element that our County is required to:

"protect its open spaces and scenic vistas for the contributions to our quality of life...Pinellas County will incentivize and encourage the retention and reestablishment of open vistas, with particular emphasis on coastal areas and lands surrounding parks and environmental lands.

"We MUST DO THIS SO THAT OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS, LIKE THE ONES YOU SEE IN THE ABOVE PICTURES, HAVE A PLACE TO PLAY THE FANTASTIC GAME CALLED GOLF!"

When the County Engineers were reviewing Taylor Morrison's plan to develop the Tides GC, they emphasized the fact that "our Community has enjoyed the visual access to the Tides open space/scenic vista for over 40 years. They have enjoyed the wildlife, and the sloping grass elevations of the expanse down to the Boca Ciega Bay. This Golf Course is unique in being nestled among a regional resource-based park, and a residential subdivision"

Dear members of our Pinellas County elected officials and working Engineers, **Our Tides Golf Course Recreational Open Space is too valuable** to lose and should be **SAVED AT ALL COSTS! DO NOT LET MR.HILLS DESTROY OUR RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE CALLED THE TIDES GOLF COURSE!**

When Mr. Hills Development Plan comes before the County, Citizens of Pinellas County are asking you to:

VOTE NO TO ANY REDESIGNATION OF THE TIDES GOLF COURSE RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE!

VOTE NO TO ANY CHANGE OF ZONING ON THAT PROPERTY!

VOTE NO TO ANY DEVELOPMENT OF THE TIDES GOLF COURSE!

Respectfully,

Ron Stephens

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