
From: Ron Stephens <ronvstephens@gmail.com> Duplicate name
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 3:13 PM
To: Swinton, Tammy M <tswinton@co.pinellas.fl.us>
Subject: [BULK] THE TIDES PROVIDES BEAUTY WITH PROTECTION
Importance: Low

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

We hear quite often now....THIS IS GOING TO BE A BUSY HURRICANE SEASON! Busy means it could cause issues with our PINELLAS COUNTY! WE have had our close calls, but even with IRMA we were spared from a lot of damage and devastation. We all remember what Michael did to MEXICO CITY below.



THAT WAS TOTAL DEVASTATION TO MEXICO CITY! THAT COULD HAPPEN HERE!

That is why it is *utterly ridiculous* to think that building 273 homes or 140

homes or any number of homes on our TIDES GOLF COURSE RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE is a smart idea! The Tides is a great place to recreate! A great place for controlling flooding in our area! A great place for animals and birds of all kinds to survive and flourish!

LOOK AT WHAT WE HAVE HERE!



IT MUST NEVER BE DESTROYED AND BUILT ON!

Please read Mary Ellen and Carl's letter. This is just common sense that we all need to digest and make sure we do not let an OUTSIDER OF OUR COUNTY come here and destroy what is most precious to our COMMUNITY and our ENTIRE COUNTY!

Mr. Hills thinks nothing of the **RECOMMENDATION OF DENIAL for their**

DEVELOPMENT PLAN GOING FORWARD that our Pinellas County Staff has sent to our COUNTY LPA Board. He thinks he has ways of getting around this and getting his decision through the LPA BOARD AND THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS!

Mr. Hills I am here to tell you how wrong you are!

Our Community does not want your development!

Our OVER 19300 signatures on our Petition of people that LOVE OUR TIDES Does not want your development!

I am sure FEMA does not want 273 homes to replace a RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE!

OUR PINELLAS COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN tells you that this is wrong and should not happen!

BUT Most IMPORTANTLY, our Pinellas County Staff of Engineers reviewed and researched your development plan and have determined it MUST NOT TAKE PLACE!

Please read the Haselden's letter below:

From: Carl & Mary Ellen Haselden <haseldencme@gmail.com>
Subject: Save the Tides - COVID-19 & Hurricane Season 2020
Date: June 1, 2020 at 12:14:47 PM EDT

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

Over the past few weeks, numerous international and regional reports reaffirm the **wisdom of the Pinellas County staff who recommended, "that the LPA find the proposed amendments to the Pinellas County Future Land Use Map (FLUM) and**

**Zoning Atlas, Development Agreement, and Development Master Plan
inconsistent with the Pinellas County Comprehensive Plan."**

Numerous public health experts have stated recently that **on the continuum of COVID-19 risks, outdoor activities are generally safer than indoor activities, thanks to the open air, and also provide physical and mental health benefits.**

As noted in a an international report on prescriptions for a healthy and green recovery from COVID-19:

"Attempting to save money by neglecting environmental protection, emergency preparedness, health systems, and social safety nets, has proven to be a false economy – and the bill is now being paid many times over.

Decisions made in the coming months can either “lock in” economic development patterns that will do permanent and escalating damage to the ecological systems that sustain all human health and livelihoods, or, if wisely taken, can promote a healthier, fairer, and greener world.

At the same time we are dealing with the effects of COVID-19, the 2020 Hurricane Season is upon us and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is predicting an “above normal” Atlantic hurricane season. NOAA’s Climate Prediction Center forecast includes 3 to 6 major hurricanes of category 3, 4, or 5-level. Today the National Weather Service’s twitter feed highlighted NOAA’s “above-normal” Atlantic hurricane season prediction with a link to another “above normal” season, the infamous 2005 hurricane season! Hurricane Katrina was one of the many destructive storms of the 2005 season.

As Ron Stephens articulated in his May 3, 2020 email to you: ***“It (the Tides) saves us from Flooding!”*** He went on to explain, ***“People are not aware of how much flooding occurs with storms, especially hurricanes! Storm surge is not always the flood threat. Since August 2017, three hurricanes have set rainfall records for Tropical weather Systems.”***

Our continued investment in maintaining the Tides as a Recreational Open Space provides Pinellas County with much needed environmental protection and health benefits for PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS!

Please continue and extend the wisdom of the Pinellas County staff mentioned above & VOTE NO:

- to any designation change of the Tides Golf Course Recreational Open Space!

- to any zoning change of the Tides Golf Course Recreational Open Space!

- to any development of the Tides Golf Course Recreational Open Space!

Most Sincerely,

Carl and Mary Ellen Haselden
12050 66th Ave. N.

Respectfully,

Ron Stephens

SAVE OUR TIDES GC RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE

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From: Ron Stephens <ronvstephens@gmail.com>
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Subject: TAMPA BAY IS AT GREAT RISK!

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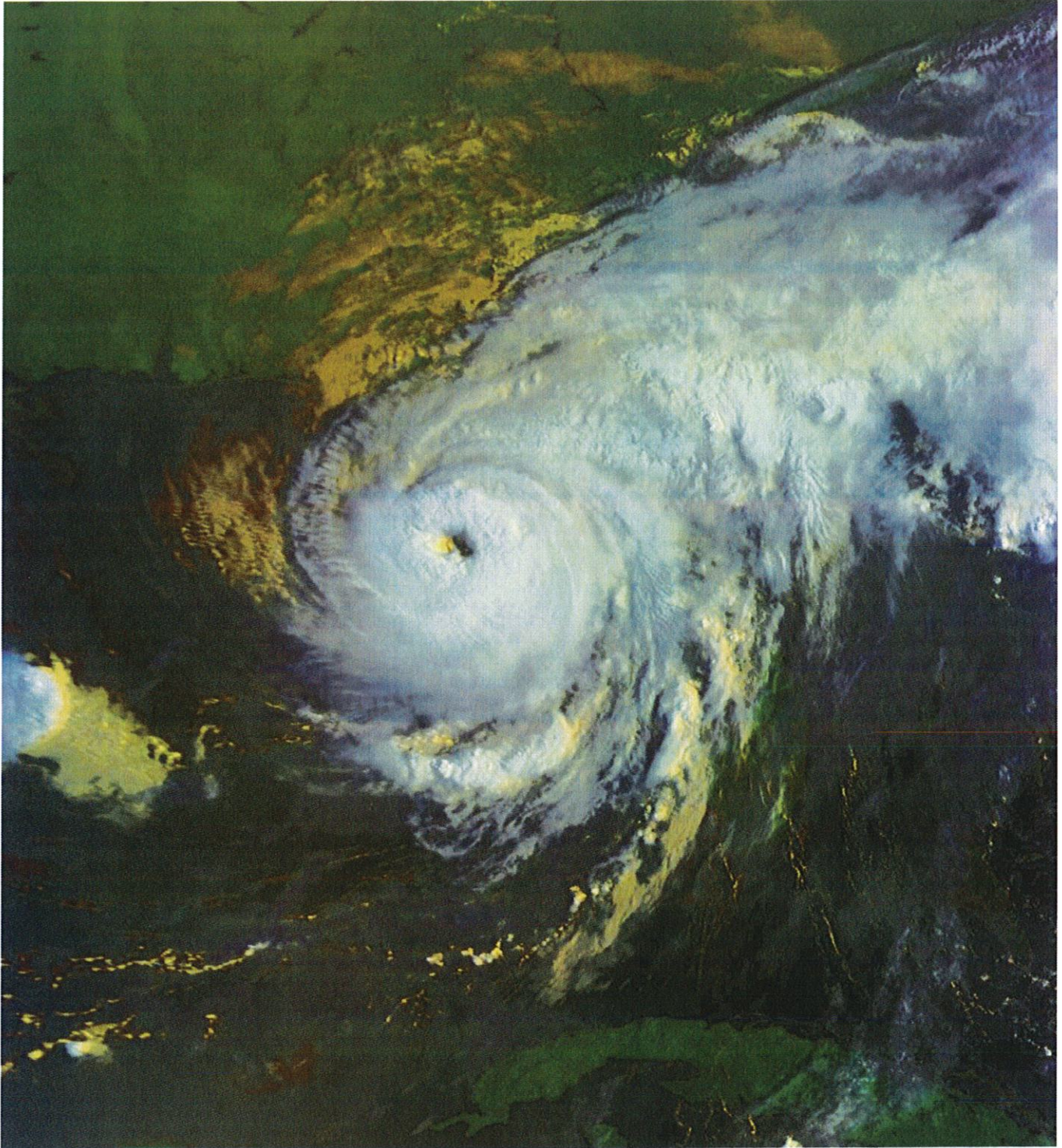
Hurricane Season is coming in like a LION this year! Already we have seen our third named storm!

In our water bill a few weeks ago, we received a message from our Commission Chair Pat Gerard about how flood insurance gives one peace of mind! Since we live close to the water, flood insurance is very important considering the possibility of storm surge from a hurricane! Her comments are well received and quite timely! Thank You Commissioner Pat Gerard for your very important Community message.

The 1985 Storm named Elena taught our Community that you do not have to have a direct hit to incur massive flood damage. Elena lasted 8 days, two days of which she was approximately 80 miles from Tampa Bay...sitiing there making up her mind where to make landfall. By then it became a Category 3 hurricane.



Elena became a massive storm in just a few days covering Florida Completely!



Hurricane Elena eventually turned away from us and made land fall near Biloxi, Mi. with sustained wind speeds of 122 miles/hour. 13,000 homes damaged, 200 totally destroyed causing \$1.3 billion in damages. More than 1.25 million people fled the storm ELENA in Florida alone!

The Tides golf course was a real salvation to our Community during Elena! The Tides absorbed millions of gallons of water from our Community streets, plus the storm surges that kept pumping into Tampa Bay. The 48 hours Elena stood off our shore (80 plus miles away) she still caused massive flooding. **More Than Two Thirds** of the Tides Golf Course was **completely covered with water!** I know **because my Family Lived through it....saw it first hand!**

Imagine what would have happened if 273 homes were on the Tides and Elena would have made landfall. Maybe the scene might have looked like this!



Our Tides Golf Course Recreational Open Space is a **100/500 year flood zone!** The Tides Golf course was perfect for ELENA AND HER CHALLENGES.....273 homes or any homes on the Tides are asking those who live there to eventually incur untold damage from Hurricanes!

I am sure Fema does not want homes to be built on the Tides!

Our Community certainly does not want our Recreational Open Space destroyed through home building!

I am certain that if I could look into the Minds of our LPA Board and our Commissioners.....you do not want to lose our TIDES GOLF COURSE RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE EITHER!

Our Comprehensive Plan tells us the destruction of the Tides should not take place!

Our Pinellas County Staff of Engineers is telling the LPA Board they do not think it should happen EITHER with their..... RECOMMENDATION OF DENIAL OF MR. HILLS DEVELOPMENT PLAN RESTORATION BAY..... which has already been sent to our Pinellas County LPA Board!

DEAR Pinellas County Commissioners, Ladies and Gentlemen of our LPA Board....our Community, Our Citizens of Pinellas County are asking you to:

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

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

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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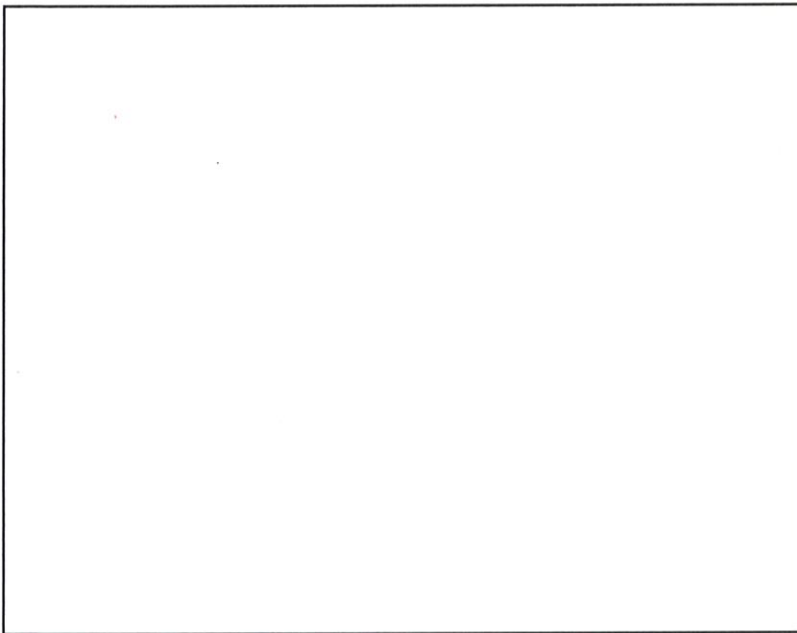


From: Ron Stephens <ronvstephens@gmail.com>
Sent: June 8, 2020 3:10 PM
To: Mattaniah Jahn <mjahn@thelawmpowered.com>
Subject: PINELLAS COUNTY IS EXPLODING!

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

Last Sunday's paper had a hugh advertisement, **SALTAIRE, Bayfront Luxury Reidences from \$700,000s!**



SALTAIRE will join the many expansions in our Downtown St. Petersburg area that is constantly adding Apartments, Condos and New Business to a area once called a **"SLEEPY LITTLE TOWN"**!

The outline of downtown St.Petersburg has grown rapidly with **One St. Petersburg Condo Complex** recently being completed.... now **SALTAIRE**

begins!

But No matter where you look in our County, even with the destructive force of our Corona Virus lurking over our heads, building continues to push forward. Not only apartments and Condos, but massive amounts of home building is going on. **Golf Lake Condos at \$200,000** is going on in Largo. **Townhomes in the \$200,000** range going on in Tarpon Springs, **Digiovanni Homes constructing \$400,000 homes** in Dunedin, **Gulfwind Homes building in Clearwater at \$400,000**, **Marina Bay building homes ranging at \$799,000**, **Tierra Verde building homes starting at \$1,367,000.**

Locally, just south of our Tides Recreational Open Space, **Madiera Beach causeway** is just completing the building of a **new hotel**. They are now Starting the building of new condos east of the new hotel. And Additionally, just before the Madiera Beach Causeway going east, will be a **New Marina with a High and Dry Boat storage** and a brand **new restaurant!**

My point to all this is **our County is prospering** with all kinds of building going on. **Commercial, industrial and residential! Our tax base keeps expanding, but if your are a builder like Mr. Hills he wants our Recreational Open Space to dwindle** so HIS building boom can take off!

Our County and Our Community do not have to give up our Gem of a RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE to have a PROSPEROUS COUNTY!

Now more than ever, **our RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE MUST BE PRESERVED!**

Florida and our County are unique! We prosper because of the **Visitors** that

come to our area **looking for peace and enjoyment!** They love our beaches!
Rave over our restaurants! Long to play on our golf courses! But our
Communities also provide excellent living neighborhoods.....providing living
conditions in many cases much different that other States and Counties have to
offer.

Pinellas County is Blessed to be so divergent in the **atmospheres and
environments** of our County which **acts as a magnet** pulling people from all over
our States to our Communities! And don't forget, from all over the world as well.

When you look at our **Tides Property below....this is one of the magnets that
attract people to our County!** It certainly was the one that attracted my
Family from Chicago 38 years ago! It truly was a "PLANNING TO STAY"
movement for OUR entire family!



Our Comprehensive Plan actually tells us that, "in recognition of the limited amount of available open spaces remaining with our County, Pinellas County shall prohibit the conversion of dedicated recreation/open space". In our Recreation, Open Space and Culture Element of our Comprehensive Plan it acknowledges that "the County is in a critical time...A large open space can look quite attractive, to both the public and private developer"but...once open spaces and natural areas begin to get nibbled away, they will....be lost....plain and simple.....and they will not be coming back".

It is clear to the Thousands of residents of our Community and our County that we must protect and preserve this open space of ours called the TIDES GC RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE! That is what our 1985 Commissioners wanted, that is why they made our TIDES GOLF COURSE a RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE and so ZONED IT THAT WAY!

We must STOP THIS GREEDY DEVELOPER FROM DESTROYING THIS BEAUTIFUL RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE so he can **MAKE \$MILLIONS in PROFITS** while we are deprived of SUCH GREAT BEAUTY THAT CAN NEVER AGAIN BE REPLICATED!

Dear Pinellas County Commissioners, County Staff, Members of our LPA Board we need your help!

Our Pinellas County Staff have already sent their recommendation of DENIAL to our LPA Board of Mr. Hills development plan called Preservation Bay! Our Community thanks our County Staff for their thorough investigation of Mr. Hills

Development Plan, and recommendation to **SAVE OUR RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE!**

OUR COMMUNITY CANNOT STOP THIS DESTRUCTIVE FORCE FROM TAKING OUR RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE FROM US.....ONLY YOU,OUR PINELLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, HAVE THE POWER TO DO THAT!

When this case comes before you, we are asking that you:

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

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

Respectfully,

Ron Stephens

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From: Ron Stephens <ronvstephens@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2020 12:27 PM
To: Swinton, Tammy M <tswinton@co.pinellas.fl.us>
Subject: THE TIDES IS OUR PEARL IN OUR COUNTY OYSTER

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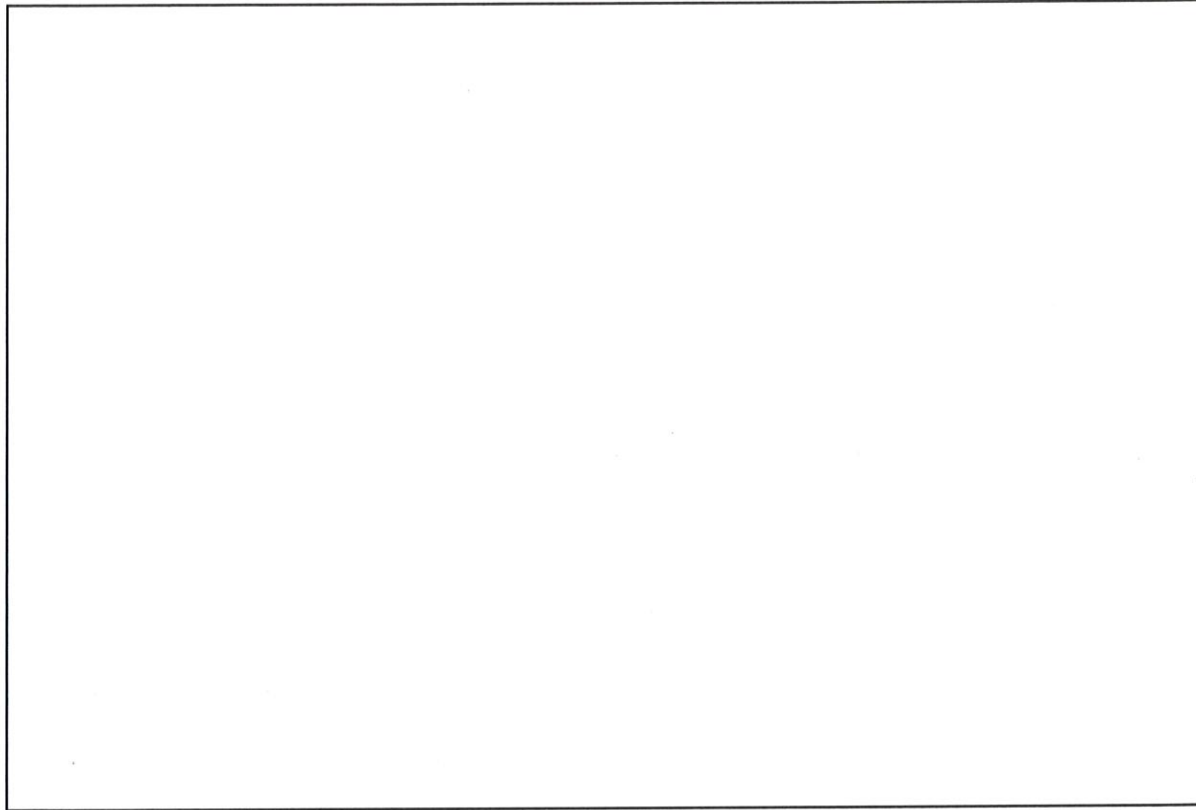
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Dear Pinellas County Commissioners, Members of our LPA Board, Ladies and Gentlemen of Our Pinellas County Engineers:

We now realize that **Mr. Hills was the WOLF** that entered OUR COMMUNITY **in SHEEPS CLOTHING**NOT "TO SAVE THE TIDES" as Mr. Carpenter, his partner once said to me...but to DESTROY OUR PRECIOUS RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE!

Just look at what our County presently has **BELOW**, get rid of it with development and you will never, ever be able to replicate it again! We just cannot let this PEARL in OUR PINELLAS COUNTY OYSTER be plucked and destroyed!



Hillsboro County where Mr. Hills has established his business, **actually started a program called ELAPP (Environmental Lands Acquisition and Protection Program) back in 1987.**

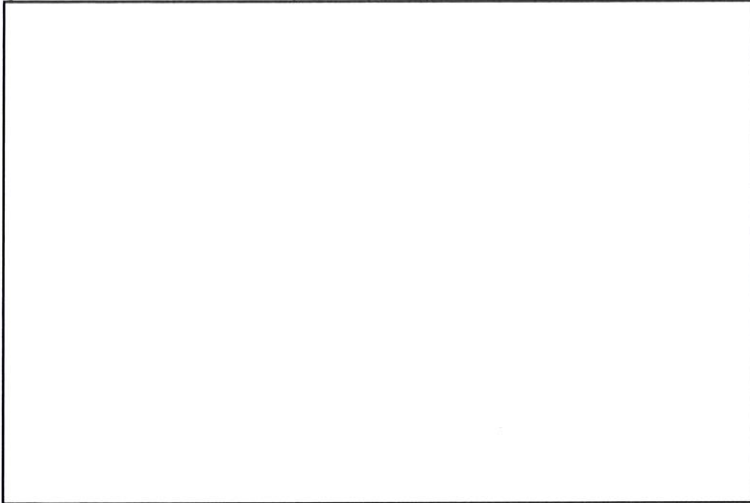
ELAPP was born in a 1987 referendum, when county voters overwhelmingly chose to dedicate funding to purchase environmentally sensitive lands. The program is non-regulatory and only acquires parcels from willing sellers. Anyone can nominate a property for ELAPP consideration, which triggers a review by county staff and the public ELAPP committee.

By 2017, the 30th Year Anniversary of its program, ELAPP had purchased over 61,000 Acres of sensitive Land!

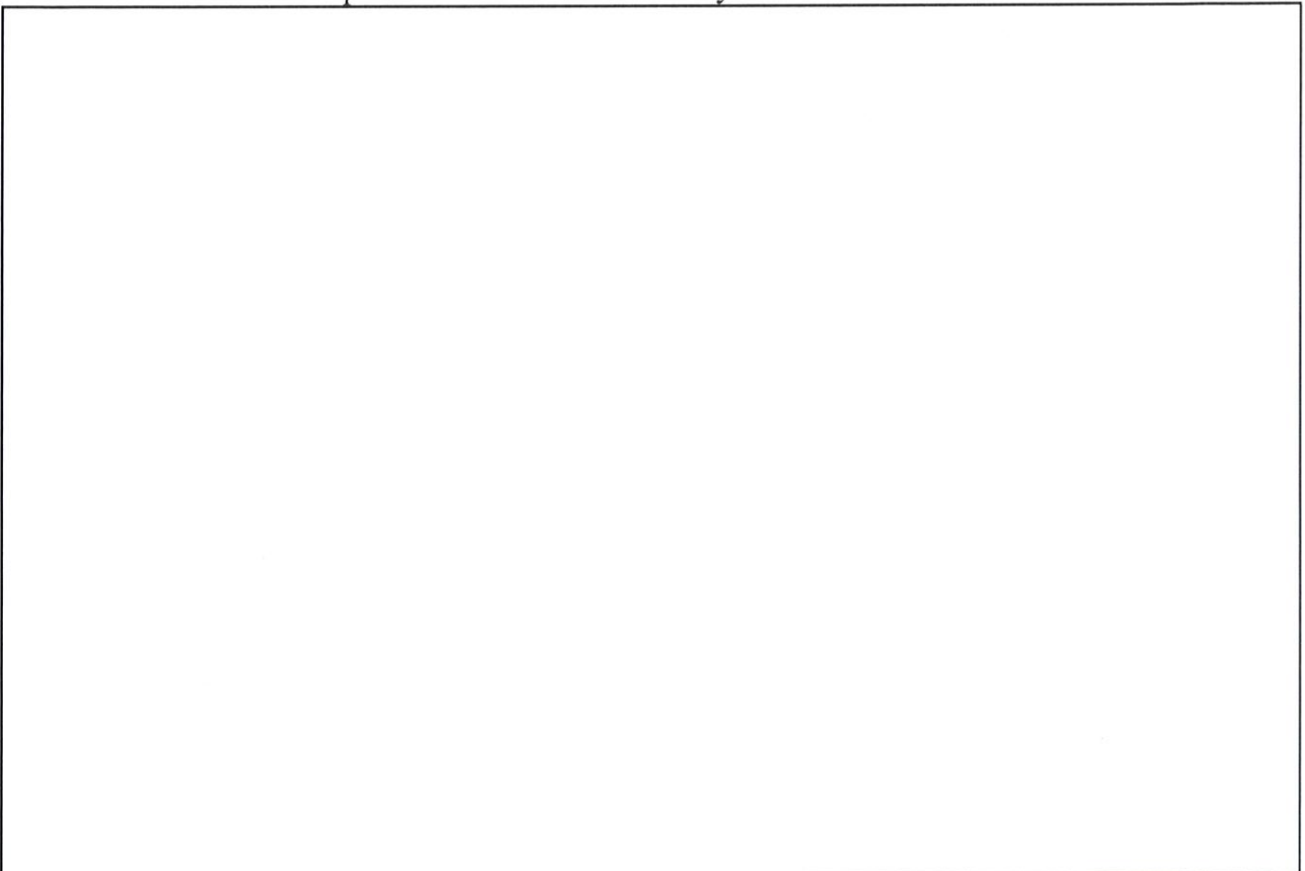
- - The Board of County Commissioners approved an Environmentally-Sensitive Lands Ordinance, which provided \$21 million over a four-year period to acquire environmentally-sensitive lands

- That Land Ordinance began a glorious ride to save thousands of acres of land that otherwise might have fallen into the hands of Developers like Mr. Hills!

Lands such as you see below, **Hillsboro County saved through ELAPP**, they are now **sensitive and beautiful pieces of property** that are being enjoyed by old and new generations for many eternal years to come!



Look at what the Tides presents to our Community:



It is such a precious piece of land that our County, Our Community

must not lose it!

We must somehow find a way to SAVE THE TIDES LIKE HILLSBORO COUNTY HAS SAVED 61,000 ACRES of their County for PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS!

Mr. Tew, Mr. Hills Lawyer and their Group will try anything to get this development through. They even had a ZOOM Meeting with Pinellas County Staff to see if there was some way of getting around the **County Staff of Engineers' Recommended Denial** going forward of their Development Plan! Mr. Tew's little maneuver did not work. **THE RECOMMENDED STAFF DENIAL GOING FORWARD TO THE LPA BOARD COULD NOT BE CHANGED!**

Dear County Commissioners, Ladies and Gentlemen of our LPA Board, our Community surrounding the Tides Recreational Open Space, and **the more than 19,188 people** that signed our Petition to Save Our Tides GC Recreational Open Space (**82% of which are Pinellas County Residents and Voters....**The balance are visitors from 42 States in the United States and 20 Countries from Around the World) are asking you when this development plan (Restoration Bay...case# Z/LU-14-09-19) of Mr. Hills comes before you to please:

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From: Ron Stephens <ronvstephens@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2020 1:29 PM
To: Mattaniah Jahn <mjahn@thelawmpowered.com>
Subject: RAIN CAUSES UNDUE FLOODING!

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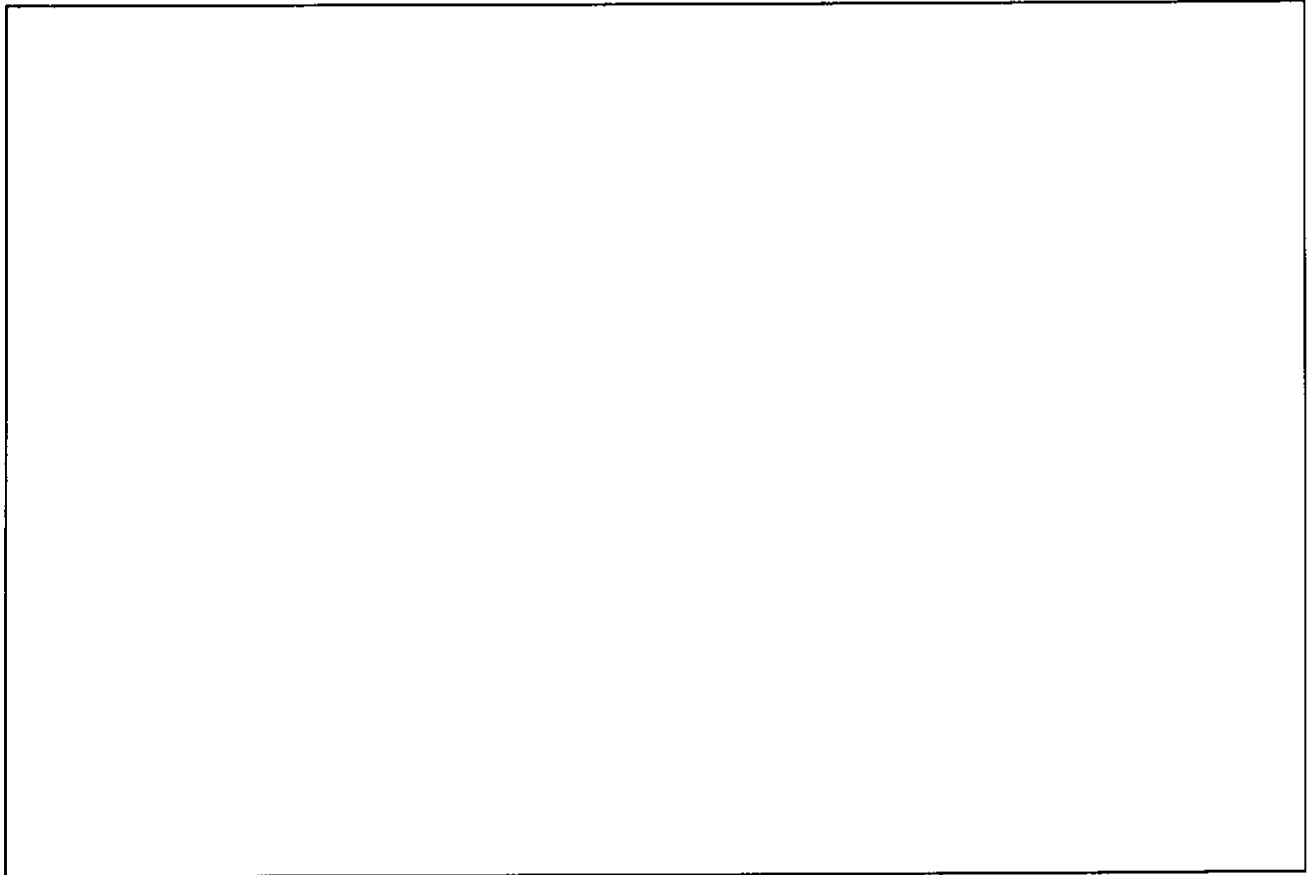
Dear Pinellas County Commissioners, Members of our LPA Board, Ladies and Gentlemen of our Pinellas County Staff:

We have been Blessed as an **UNINCORPORATED AREA OF PINELLAS COUNTY** to have the *Tides Golf Course Recreational Open Space* as the ***center point of our Community***. It has been our entertainment piece, neighborhood hangout, and our salvation during some of the perfect storms our Community has endured! **It saves us from Flooding!**

Mr. Hills, with his Development plan, wants to destroy that centerpiece and make it into 273 homes! **SUCH SHOULD NEVER HAPPEN IN A 100/500 YEAR FLOOD ZONE!**

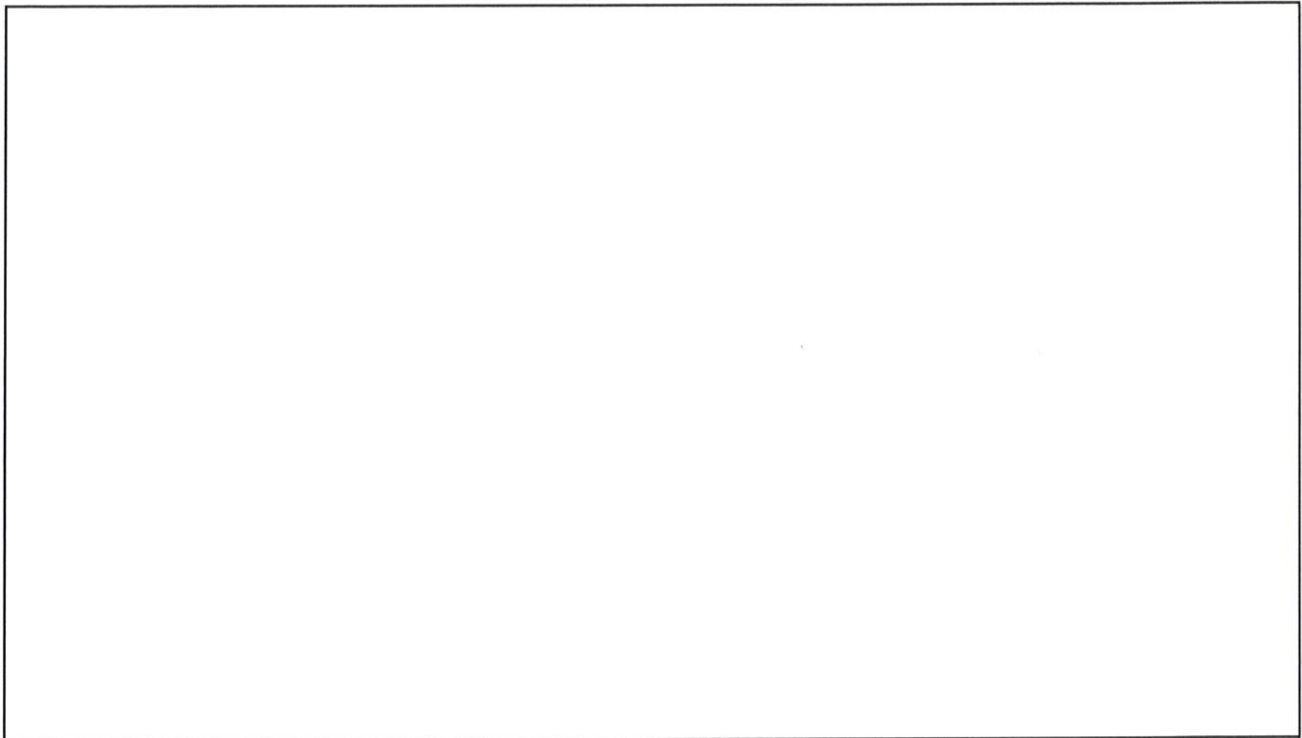
People are not aware of how much flooding occurs with storms, especially hurricanes! Storm surge is not always the flood threat. Since August 2017, three hurricanes have set **rainfall records** for Tropical weather Systems. Harvey dumped 5 feet of rain in Texas in August, 2017.

This scene below could be the Tides if built with 273 Homes!



Harvey generated 33 trillion gallons of water over Texas, enough water to engulf Houston in a tank of water 3.1 miles high!

Florence in September 14, 2018, hit the Carolinas dispensing over 11 trillion gallons of rainfall.



This might be ***what the Tides could look like after a major storm.....after building 273 homes on it.....with water cascading off the Tides Built Out Property..... rushing South into our Intra-Coastal water way!***

Our Staff of Engineers are telling us that with Coastal Management Element Objective 1.3: "Pinellas County shall restrict development within the Coastal Storm area and shall direct population concentrations out of the Coastal Storm area!" Our Comprehensive Plan tells our County....you do not build 273 homes in a flood zone! We are suppose to be directing people instead away from flood zones for their own protection.

Tampa Bay Times Staff Writer, Emily L. Mahoney, wrote an article, "**Property Values Put at Risk**". A Case Study Report Using climate change, elevation mapping, tidal gauge readings and property data, that major amounts of properties in Pinellas County are facing the greatest threat of the growing risk of

losing value because of sea level rise by 2050! **Statewide, the report estimates from \$10 billion to \$30 billion of property devaluation by 2030, and \$30 to \$80 billion by 2050! Imagine...two thirds of Florida's 22 Million people live in Counties like Ours that border the Coast!**

This is a serious problem that Mr. Hills and Mr. Carpenter are pushing off like it will never happen! **They will just tell prospective buyers that they will be living in a flood zone....so they will need flood insurance!**

What He should be saying....**We are putting you in harms way so we can PROFIT BY IT!**

We must not let this happen!

Pinellas County Commissioners, Ladies and Gentlemen of our LPA Board when this comes before your meeting on June 11th, let this developer know as the Pinellas County Staff has done in no uncertain terms that **this development plan must not go forward:**

PLEASE:

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