

GROVE LAKE
ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTION

CONTACT LIST:

City of Largo

Project engineer: Rick Dequena Largo office 587-6710
In charge of new drainage pipes installed. CALLED 4/25/93

City engineer: Mr. Novac

Mr. Novac called me 4/26/93 instead of Rick Dequena. Mr. Novac was very adamant about the city being able to dump storm water into Grove lake. Also he said the city dose not have to have state or county permits to install new storm water drainage pipes. He went on to say that the city didn't have to buy land for a retention pond when they could drain into this lake.

Environmental Protection Agency

Tampa office 272-7104 CALLED 4/25/93
No action/result

City of Largo Attorney

Jerry McLueen 587-6727 CALLED 4/25/93
Mr. McLueen called me back 4/26/93

Mr. McLueen told me that the city was able to drain into this lake because of the laws some 25 years ago. In effect those laws aloud for storm water run off into lakes. I informed him that the State of Florida has past new laws prohibiting cities or counties to drain in any body of water that is spring fed.

My last comments to Mr. McLueen was that I felt that with the new stringent laws on the clean water act in this State the City of Largo must change any drainage system that dose not met those new laws. Also that the City of Largo is liable for the decelerating property values around the lake. His remark was that he would take this matter under advisement.

My sources on new Florida laws in respect to draining into spring fed bodies of water are the following:

Environmental Alliance

Tallahassee Florida Office

Linda Young 1-904-681-2653 (home) 1-904-222-5744 CALLED 4/27/93 - returned my call 4/28/93 Linda was to come to largo 5/15/93 where she was to view the lake in person. She did not make that appointment I called her back 5/24/93 she was then planing to come to largo 6/19/93 she never showed.

Leaf Foundation

David Letter Attorney 1-904-681-2591 CALLED 4/27/93

Florida State Bar

Jean Stillman 1-904-561-5600 CALLED 4/27/93 asked for county code explanation for environmental water and land use law division.

Pinellas County Environmental

Office 464-4761 CALLED 4/28/93 I filed a complaint # 24883 with the county for the city not having the proper permits to modify the old drains. ACTION taken by the county. Carol a permit's searcher came to the lake 5/29/93 looked at the work site spoke with Etta Poltrack and my self. Carol told me as she was leaving that I would be notified of the results of the search at a later unspecified date. No results to date.

Green Peace

Kyle Halmrast Washington, DC. 1-202-319-2432 CALLED 4/27/93

Scott Brown Atlanta office 1-404-876-8256 CALLED 4/28/93

Comments were to file a petition with local government politicians

Local Environmental Attorney

Pete Belmont 813-747-6436 CALLED 4/28/93 Mr. Belmont handles environmental water/lake cases like Grove lake.

CONCLUSION: It is my opinion that all the lake front property owners come together to form an organized group pick a representative to speak as one for the group and to form a plan of action.

If any additional copies are needed contact:

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