

**RESOLUTION NO 21-08**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CRESCENT CITY COMMISSION OPPOSING THE APPROVAL OF THE BIOSOLID DUMPING SITE LOCATED AT 425 OLD HIGHWAY 17 CRESCENT CITY, FLORIDA.**

WHEREAS, The City of Crescent City, Florida recognizes the importance of the Crescent Lake watershed as a whole and specifically the role of the wetlands, creeks, and aquifers within that watershed, to the State, Region, and local communities; and

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the City of Crescent City that a plan has been proposed to import sewage sludge (biosolids) from outside the County in large quantities for application at a site adjacent to Crescent Lake (a tributary to Dunns' Creek and the lower St. Johns River basin), wetlands, and atop a vulnerable aquifer recharge area within that watershed; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crescent City is keenly aware of the role the Florida Aquifer plays in providing drinking water for thousands of residents in the region, its importance to local economies and agriculture, its designation with Positively Putnam and Keep Putnam Beautiful, as a recreational asset, and in promotion of area tourism as well as its importance to the fish and wildlife of the area; and

WHEREAS, it is the understanding of the City of Crescent City that this site is incompatible with the character of the area, with land use designated as an agricultural area, and that this proposed project site is just a mile away from Lake Crescent, which is on the EPA 303(d) list of impaired waterways; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crescent City is deeply concerned with reports of toxins inherent in sewage such as heavy metals, dioxins, PDEs (flame retardants) hydrocarbons, pharmaceuticals, steroids and hormones, which persists in finished, processed material, posing a risk to soil and water health, as well as animal health from airborne contaminants, i.e. VOCs and VIC's; and

WHEREAS, negative consequences to the Crescent Lake watershed quality would be unavoidable in the event of an accident, spill or major weather event taking place at the proposed site; and

WHEREAS, The City of Crescent City understands the negative impacts on air quality and quality of life around other similar sites around the country.

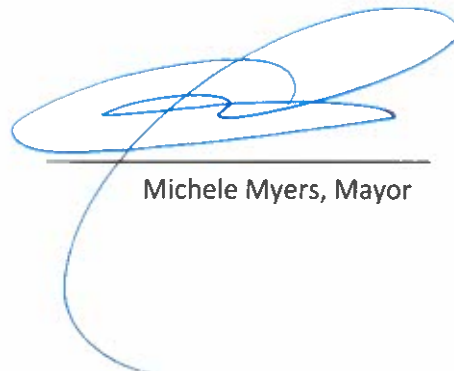
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Crescent City joins many other regional municipalities in respectfully requesting that the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Putnam County Zoning Board of Adjustment deny approval of the permit for the application of sewage sludge (biosolids) in Crescent City, FL and exercise its power in assisting in the determination of a more appropriate location for such a site outside the Crescent Lake and Lower St. Johns River Basin Watersheds.

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, members of the Putnam County Zoning Board of Adjustment, Putnam County Commission, Governor Ron DeSantis, Representative Bobby Payne, Senator Keith Perry, and other Governmental parties of interest.

Attest



Charles Rudd, City Manager

  
Michele Myers, Mayor