

Still Opposed

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The 206 acres of woodlands, rolling hills and wetlands that border Lake Spivey on the north and east to the East Cove canal is owned by John Eden and is presently designated as Coastal Lakes Residential Low Density. The Citrus County Comprehensive Land Use Plan is once again an item of considerable debate among the residents of East Citrus and John Eden as he attempts to convince the Board of County Commissioners to allow the land use to be changed to RV Park, High Density Residential.

Many, if not most of the homeowners in this area, which includes the large Hickory Hills North and South subdivision, are opposed to the land-use change. This attempt by the owner of the property will be a repeat of appeal and will involve some new commissioners.

I would urge those new commissioners to carefully look over the previous hearings on this request. Many objections were voiced concerning the damage that could occur to the environment along with increased traffic on State Road 44 and water-related concerns for boaters' safety. John has amended his previous site plans and discussed those changes with a small group of those most concerned and opposed to the Land Use Plan change.

His proposed RV park will involve: increasing the buffer zone around the shore of Lake Spivey, utilizing artificial turf on the executive-sized golf course; allowing no power boats to be launched from the RV Park; a small change in the number of motor home sites; no full-time use of the sites by owners with a six-month cap. He also agreed to move the canoe and kayak launching area from the canal area to the more open side of the lake for safety to the boaters.

I am still fully opposed to the Land Use Change and the RV park. Lake Spivey is one of the most beautiful and peaceful small lakes in the Tsala Apopka Chain of Lakes, and it should stay that way. No matter how the developers pretty up the name, a large motor coach park is still a mobile home park.

Jim Adkins

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Scheduled for Citrus County Commissioners hearing July 12, 2011

Please attend and show you care about our lakes - TOO FAR