Myers Park Neighborhood Association Statement, IA Meeting, January 31, 2005

My name is Jeanie Conner, and I represent the Myers Park Neighborhood Association (MPNA) in the absence of its president, Robert Olmstead. I am a member of the MPNA Board of Directors.

The Myers Park Neighborhood Association met last week with Jim Davis of Blueprint 2000 and discussed the various concepts for the Capital Cascade Trail.

The members unanimously reached a number of conclusions and asked me to present them to you today:

1. First, MPNA thanks Blueprint 2000 officials for having provided frequent and ample opportunities to citizens to offer their ideas in the planning process during the last year. We appreciate the process through which Blueprint solicited input from interested parties and then refined the ideas into workable concepts to present back for further review. We recommend this procedure as a model for receiving citizen input in future development projects.

2. Secondly, MPNA reaffirms the unanimous vote of its general membership in 2004 to support the development of Cascades Park as a green space, and not as a sports facility. Accordingly, MPNA strongly supports Blueprint’s recommended concept, with trails, ponds, and places for amphitheaters and plazas, in Segment 2. MPNA encourages the city and county commissions to approve the recommended concept and begin construction on Segment 2.

3. Thirdly, MPNA supports Blueprint’s recommended concepts for Segments 3 and 4. It encourages their acceptance and implementation as soon as possible.

4. Fourthly, MPNA encourages a speedy resolution of the issues in Segment 1. Although some members like the recommended concept, we understand the need for further review. We hope that the controversy will not delay the immediate acceptance of and beginning of construction on other segments.

5. In closing MPNA wishes to point out how long the issues regarding storm water, flooding, and the inability to use Tallahassee’s premier green space have remained unresolved. Because of the generosity of the taxpayers and the hard work of city and county officials, we now have the funds and a good plan to begin to alleviate flooding and storm water problems. We also have a good plan to turn Cascades Park into the beautiful, multiuse facility that will showcase Tallahassee’s natural beauty, protect the environment, encourage downtown housing development, and stimulate downtown revitalization to the benefit of the city and county as a whole. MPNA encourages the adoption and implementation of the Blueprint concept plan so that the project can move forward.
Will committee's dream be ditched?

City, county to review Blueprint 2000 today

IRA dissidents claim bombing in Northern Ireland
Attachment #3

Wednesday, January 19, 2005

To:     Leon County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC)
From:   D. Bruce Means, Ph.D.
        Vice Chairman, Leon County Science Advisory Committee (SAC)
Subject: Capitol Cascades Greenway

Leon County Science Advisory Committee

The Capitol Cascades Greenway Project has the potential to alleviate flooding, improve water quality, and make our community a better place to live by creating a central park type of greenway with multiuse trails extending from Leon High School (in downtown Tallahassee) to Lake Munson. The Science Advisory Committee of Leon County feels that it is necessary and important that we make the following recommendations.

The SAC feels that the first priority of Capitol Cascades Greenway Project should be the improvement of water quality. The segment of the Capitol Cascades Greenway Project with the most treatment and storage capacity is ‘Segment 4.’ This is the most important component of the Capitol Cascades Greenway Project and should be given prime consideration. It should be built first.

The SAC finds that water storage and water quality issues at the headwaters of the Cascade Watershed need to be addressed. This is because the Capitol Cascades Greenway Project should have storage capacity and water quality treatment where it starts. Fifty percent of the water entering the Capitol Cascades Greenway comes from the Leon High site, therefore we believe that a ‘Segment Zero’ is necessary. The ‘Stilling Pond,’ currently planned for ‘Segment 2’ should be located in ‘Segment Zero.’ This would free up valuable space within Cascades Park.

The SAC is opposed to covering and confining the 0.75 mile segment of the St. Augustine Branch within box culverts (Segment 1). We feel that the expenditure of over $20,000,000.00 dollars to bury and obliterate a historic natural stream is a gross waste of tax money and environmentally indesirable. We propose either leaving the stream segment as it is (it would not flood if the culverts under the bridges were properly sized) or implementing a hybrid design (such as the Dr. Ben Fusaro proposal).

The SAC is concerned that the design of ‘Wet Pond’ in Centennial Plaza is flawed. Without water quality treatment in ‘Segment Zero,’ this pond will be impaired. The current proposal to treat the ‘Wet Pond’ with Alum, like Lake Ella, is problematic because this site has a history of karst features (Cascades Sink and Waterfall), which would allow alum to contaminate Leon County drinking water. We are opposed to the use of alum in karst terrain because of human health concerns.
The SAC finds that there may be serious problems regarding the location of the ‘Wet Pond’ in ‘Segment 2.’ The karst terrain of this site is contaminated with toxic waste. It is proposed to be excavated to a depth of about 75 feet. This will probably lead to the formation of numerous sinkholes (similarly to the ‘Elberta Crate’ site). It would be better not to try to have a ‘Wet Pond’ on top of a toxic karst site. This would also free up more space in Cascade Park.

The SAC requests more time to evaluate this proposal. Due to the severity of potential problems please consider delaying approval.

On behalf of the entire SAC, I hope that the BOCC finds this evaluation helpful. If you have any questions or comments, please let us know at your convenience.

Sincerely,

D. Bruce Means, Ph.D.
Acting Chair, Leon County Science Advisory Committee
perfer for swimming. It was right downtown. Locals called it the "Cascade" waterfalls. Cascade means twenty or thirty feet through the water into a deep pool.

Imagine a bubbling stream through deep green woods, and then a

who were assigned to find a site for Phoenix’s Capitol.

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Questions like: Why would anybody jump in a pretty waterfalls into a town

railroad schoolchildren.

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When schoolchildren visit the Florida State Capitol, the Governor likes to

Julie Hauserman

Cococuta Fall

Florida's Tallest Waterfall

Attachment #4
On November 1, 1823, the lawyer, John Lee Williams, wrote:

On November 1, 1823, she was married to Judge John Lee Williams, who was then a young and promising lawyer. The ceremony took place in the small village of Littleton, in the county of York, South Carolina. The wedding was attended by the couple's immediate family and a few close friends. The ceremony was simple and solemn, with the couple exchanging vows in the presence of a few witnesses. The couple then returned to their home, where they lived for many years. The marriage was a happy one, and the couple had many children, who carried on the family name and legacy.

The newlyweds decided to settle in Littleton, where they opened a law office. They quickly gained a reputation for their intelligence and integrity, and their business flourished. The couple eventually moved to a larger city, where they continued to practice law. They were active in their community, serving on committees and organizations. The couple remained married until their deaths, which occurred within a few years of each other.

The couple left behind a legacy of dedication and commitment to the law and the community. They are remembered with fondness and respect by their family and friends. The couple's children carried on their legacy, and the family name continues to this day.
Julie Haysman

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underground, and they never went away.
Some people are working to salvage something out of this mess. The City of Tallahassee needs to clean it up.

The EPA says that the old coal-burning power plant, the old wastewater treatment plant and surrounding industrial structures pose a threat to the environment. The proposed new plant would be a step in the right direction, but it's not enough. The city needs to do more to clean up the area.

Today, a group of residents plan to protest in the Tallahassee area to demand action. They want the city to take responsibility and clean up the mess.

Beneath the smokestacks of one of the power plants, a group of residents has set up a protest camp. They're calling for the city to take action to clean up the area.

The residents say they've been left in the dark about the situation. They want the city to be transparent and honest about what they're doing.

The EPA has been slow to respond to the residents' concerns. They want the city to take action to clean up the area.

The residents say they're willing to fight for their community. They want the city to listen to their concerns and take action to clean up the area.

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### Existing Hourly Traffic Volumes

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#### Summary

- Please review the above tables for detailed traffic volumes and capacities.
- Any discrepancies or issues should be noted and addressed.
- Follow-up meetings are scheduled for further discussions.

### Attachment #6

- [Additional documents or data related to the traffic volumes and capacities.]
TO BLUEPRINT 2000 AGENCY
January 19, 2005

RE: Capital Cascade Trail Master Plan - Alternate Stormwater Analysis

The Report has divided the analysis into four (4) segments with up to four (4) concepts for each segment. Within Segment 2, Concept A includes a Centennial Field Memorial Plaza (101 AF), Concept B rebuilds Centennial Baseball Field (42.5 AF), Concept C is a passive park (103 AF), and Concept D provides an amphitheatre (69 AF). Segment 1 assumes that the existing Franklin Blvd. ditch will be enclosed with two (2) box culverts. Therefore, the majority of the existing flooding will be conveyed downstream and will have to be stored within Segment 2 to reduce flooding at So. Monroe St. Segments 1 and 2 were then evaluated together, assuming that Franklin Blvd. improvements would be the same regardless of the Segment 2 Concept.

Please note that each Segment 2 concept represents a unique set of improvements. Therefore, it is very difficult to use the model results to determine the relative benefit of any individual improvement (such as Centennial Field) from one concept in comparison to an individual improvement from another concept. Also, because each downstream segment was modeled assuming a particular upstream segment, different combinations of segment alternatives will generate different results. Any decision based solely on reported results will need to be made carefully.

It is difficult to ascertain the decision matrix that was used to determine the amenities within each concept. Concept B assumed a larger "footprint" for the proposed baseball field than was proposed by the "Fans of Centennial Field Restoration". If Centennial Field becomes a priority, it seems that the following areas could provide additional opportunity for additional storage:

1. FDOT Parking west of Suwannee St. could be eliminated to increase the size of the "Stilling Pool"

2. The "Improved Parking" south of Gaines St., the Amphitheatre, and the "Additional Parking" north of the RR could be eliminated to provide additional storage

3. Centennial Field should be downsized to accommodate a Babe Ruth/High School Baseball Field increasing storage

4. The "Passive Park" between Pensacola St. and Madison St. could be modified to provide storage

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