



INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE: July 27, 2010
TO: Honorable Mayor Lowe and Members of the City Commission
VIA: Russ Blackburn, City Manager
FROM: Fred Murry, Assistant City Manager
SUBJECT: Update on Springstead and Hogtown Creek FDEP Signage

This memo is in response to Commissioner Donovan's request regarding dates on the posting of warning signs on Springstead and Hogtown creek and near the Superfund site. The warning signs became necessary due to an evaluation of sediment contamination results from Springstead and Hogtown creek near the Cabot – Koppers Superfund Site.

On April 29, 2010, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) alerted the Alachua County Environmental Protection Department (ACEPD) and the City of Gainesville that FDEP planned to place warning signage along the creeks and notify adjacent landowners of the creek contamination results. Since that time, ACEPD and the City of Gainesville has been working with FDEP to identify locations for the posting of the warning signage. ACEPD was notified yesterday, July 26, 2010, that an FDEP contractor would begin installing warning signs along Springstead and Hogtown creeks on Thursday, July 29th and Friday, July 30th.

ACEPD is coordinating with the City of Gainesville Public Works Department, FDOT and the County Public Works Department to help coordinate the installation of the warning signage along the creek with FDEP. The signs will only be installed on Public Right of Ways and City owned land, and not on private property along the sections of the creeks that contain contamination. FDEP has a standard language and format that they will use on their signs; an example is attached for your review.

In addition to the Creek signage, FDEP was seeking guidance from its legal counsel on whether sufficient notification has been given to the property owners in the surrounding neighborhoods adjacent to the Superfund Site, and whether the neighborhoods should be posted. FDEP has notified ACEPD that they will not be installing additional warning signs in the neighborhood roads west of Koppers. FDEP believes that the previous written notice of the contamination sent to the affected homeowners is sufficient at this time. Please advise if you desire additional information on the FDEP signage for the Springstead and Hogtown creek area.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (352)334-5010.

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FDEP standard language and format example:

