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Jeffrey W. Beck, P.E.
Chief of Right of Way and Grounds Maintenance
609 St. Johns Bluff Road, N.
Jacksonville, FL 3225

RE: Gentle Woods Ditch Maintenance
Permit No. 40-031-56312-4
Compliance Item No. 912863

Dear Mr. Beck:

It is our understanding based on a conversation with James Pearce that the City of Jacksonville is the Operation and Maintenance entity for the drainage ditches in Gentle Woods Subdivision as shown in the photo below. District staff performed a site inspection of the referenced site on June 24, 2008. During that site inspection it was noted that the ditches throughout the subdivision were overgrown and specifically the ditch that crosses Skyler Jean Drive (ditch noted as numbers 2 and 3 as shown below) was clogged with aquatic vegetation (as shown in Photos #1 and 2:



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Photo #1 (corresponds generally to #3 on subdivision photo):



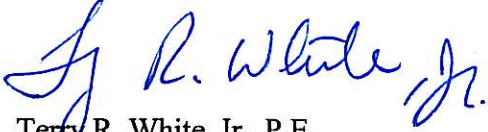
Photo #2 (corresponds generally to #2 on subdivision photo):



The ditch noted at #1 is less clogged, but still should be cleaned. The District considers the aquatic vegetation to be excessive and is concerned about its impact on flooding during a large storm event. It is part of the permit issued by the District for the designated operation and maintenance (O&M) entity to perform maintenance. Please inform us as to when the maintenance will be performed, so we can schedule a re-inspection.

If I do not hear from you concerning the ditch maintenance , I will return to the site in 60 days to re-inspect. If you have questions, please contact me at (904)448-7933 or e-mail me at twhite@sjrwmd.com..

Sincerely,



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