

RESOLUTION 2006-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF POLK CITY, FLORIDA, ENCOURAGING THE CREATION OF A COUNTY-WIDE INITIATIVE AND MECHANISM TO DEVELOP AND CREATE A COUNTY-WIDE REGIONAL WATER RESOURCE PLAN AND A COUNTY-WIDE LOCAL WATER COOPERATIVE.

WHEREAS, Polk County's water resources are both an essential element for life and a limited resource that must be managed to ensure a permanent adequate supply for all citizens while protecting both the quantity and quality of the County's water resources; and

WHEREAS, ample groundwater supplies are crucial for the public health, safety, welfare and economic viability of Polk County; and

WHEREAS, the protection of Polk County's water resources is a regional issue necessitating the creation of a long-range water resource planning process which incorporates the goal of a sustainable water supply and managed growth; and

WHEREAS, Polk County's exponential growth has resulted in an ever-increasing consumption of water as well as the potential for wide-ranging competition for finite water resources; and

WHEREAS, local governments are experiencing ever-increasing pressure to provide water to meet the needs of urban development, industry, commercial and recreational uses; and

WHEREAS, in the current high-growth economy, it is imperative that water resources be effectively planned in order to maximize levels of service and provide for the orderly development of the area, and to ensure a prosperous future; and

WHEREAS, because the incorporated and unincorporated portions of Polk County continue to grow exponentially, the proper management and local control of the groundwater resources of Polk County cannot be accomplished without the cooperation of all of Polk County's local government entities; and

WHEREAS, it is much more economically efficient and productive for the county and city governments to cooperatively plan and manage water resources collectively, especially as resources in common, or that are interconnected; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and expedient that planning measures include but not limited to, aquifer protection, minimum flows and levels, water recharge, well-field management and alternative water supplies, be proactive rather than reactive, that an alliance of geographically adjacent stakeholders be established as soon as practical.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION 1. That the City of Polk City will voluntarily participate in a cooperative water resource planning effort to develop and create a county-wide water supply plan by interlocal agreement. The City of Polk City resolves to create a county-wide initiative by interlocal agreement that will develop a county-wide water supply plan and a county-wide water cooperative local government entity that enables all participants to secure an adequate supply of water consistent with and subject to the goals, objectives, and policies of the state water supply plan and applicable regional water management district policies.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th Day of June 2006.

CITY OF POLK CITY, FLORIDA

Donald L. Penton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Paula Roddenberry, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONSENT:

Jeffrey Sullivan, City Attorney