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Board of Commissioners
P. O. Box 7800
Tavares, FL 32778

ATTENTION: Mr. Welton G. Cadwell, District 5 Commissioner
RE: Storm water drainage problem in and around 36750 Alaqua Ct. Eustis, FL

Mr. Welton:

The above captioned problem has been brought to the attention of the Lake County Public Works offices on numerous occasions. The most recent have been face to face meetings, at the above site, with Tim Daubert (Environmental Services Division)--Sr. Storm water Inspector and Steve Lee (Dept. of Public Works) prior to the completion of my home at 36750 Alaqua Ct., with a follow up letter sent March 3, 2016.

During these discussions it was acknowledged there was a storm water drainage problem in this area of the street and it was known to the County. (The Homeowners Association for Black Bear Reserve has also contacted the County on many occasions without any follow-up on the part of the County.) As expected, since the completion of my home, the volume of water run-off from storms and on assigned watering days has exasperated this situation beyond belief. Lake County Environmental Dept. has not even given the HOA, myself and other complaining homeowners the courtesy of a reply to any of our requests.

After any rainfall there is a completely flooded street up to 3 or 4 houses in each direction. My property is victim to 3 1/2 ft. to 4 ft. of water up my driveway and lawn. Debris such as yard waste, newspapers, signs etc. from all directions is deposited in my driveway and the street. On watering days all accumulated water from sprinklers again accumulates in this same area. Photographs of these incidents are extremely well documented.

Swarming insects, parasites and mold can be seen in this standing water on any given day.

It is beyond obvious that the Storm Distribution for the storm water management system is not and has never been in accordance with SJRWMD standards. There is no curb (standard or miami), buffers, swales or storm water drain in this area of the street.

The Storm Water design system was to have been designed to handle the flow from all contributory areas within a subdivision. THIS HAS NOT BEEN DONE in this area of the subdivision. The design of same was consented to by the County at the on start of the subdivision planning and has never been corrected.

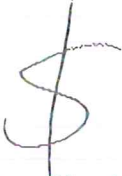
This situation has become intolerable to the homeowners. We cannot even get off of the driveway to walk our dogs without wading through above ankle water for many lots in each direction, carrying our pets.

The sanitary conditions with this amount of water runoff is deplorable. It makes one wonder

if the Lake County Mosquito Control Program is applicable to this area of Lake County.

It is my hope that you will use your standing with the community to help correct this situation as soon as possible before there are accidents, injuries and/or sicknesses due to this constant large volume of water.

I look forward to your direction and reply.



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