

FLORA PARKE TREE DESTRUCTION

Lynda Bell <lyndahbell@yahoo.com>

Mon 8/17/2020 9:32 PM

To: Michael Mullin <mmullin@nassaucountyfl.com>; Taco Pope <tpope@nassaucountyfl.com>; Janet Wylie <jwylie@nassaucountyfl.com>; Daniel Leeper <dleeper@nassaucountyfl.com>; Aaron C. Bell <acbell@nassaucountyfl.com>; Pat Edwards <pedwards@nassaucountyfl.com>; Tom Ford <tford@nassaucountyfl.com>; Justin Taylor <jtaylor@nassaucountyfl.com>

As a homeowner and resident of Nassau County I am completely disappointed and unhappy as I learn more about the situation at Flora Park. There is absolutely no excuse for this behavior and we expect our county officials to create a penalty large enough to be a deterrent to this type of behavior.

Thank you for your attention - I am certain you agree that this type of behavior can not longer be tolerated.

Flora Park: On August 13 the developer of Flora Parke in Yulee, SEDA, unlawfully cleared land which contained wetlands. They had previously been denied permission to do so because the property is designated "open space/wetlands" and were in litigation with the County regarding the issue. Code Enforcement was notified and after witnessing this action, issued a Stop Work Order. However, once the Code Enforcement officer left, the company doing the clearing went back to work. Police arrived eventually, but it was too late to save the trees and the ecosystem they support.

This outrageous and egregious action cannot be tolerated! Otherwise more developers and builders will follow suit, ignore ordinances and just pay the fine. SEDA must be punished severely and to the fullest extent of the law. You must make it clear that this will not be tolerated in Nassau County.

This matter is on the agenda of the Code Enforcement Board on **Tuesday, September 8 at 6:30.**

Lynda Bell

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SEDA

Dana Zielinski <dpzielinski@gmail.com>

Mon 8/17/2020 10:23 PM

To: Aaron C. Bell <acbell@nassaucountyfl.com>; Daniel Leeper <dleeper@nassaucountyfl.com>; Justin Taylor <jtaylor@nassaucountyfl.com>; Pat Edwards <pedwards@nassaucountyfl.com>; Tom Ford <tford@nassaucountyfl.com>; Michael Mullin <mmullin@nassaucountyfl.com>; Taco Pope <tpope@nassaucountyfl.com>; Janet Wylie <jwylie@nassaucountyfl.com>

Dear County Leaders,

We are appalled at the recent blatant illegal tree destruction on wetlands by the developer of Flora Parke in Yulee. The fact that the workers totally disregarded a Work Stop Order by Code Enforcement shows how ineffective fines are and how powerful the developers are here in Nassau County. Due to Covid 19 we will not attend the Public Hearing on September 8th. We ask that the "Open Space/Wetlands" designation of this property remain and any development be denied. We ask that SEDA be fined the maximum amount possible and required to replace the illegally removed trees with MATURE trees, not saplings. We also ask that SEDA be required to remove any fill dirt. Finally, we are asking you as Nassau County leaders what can be done to prevent this from happening in the future.

Thank you,

Tommy and Dana Zielinski

Taxpayers and Voters

1799 Arbor Dr.

Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

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Re: Flora Parke

Amy Bell <abell@nassaucountyfl.com>

Tue 8/18/2020 10:10 AM

To: Janet Wylie <jwylie@nassaucountyfl.com>

No ma'am, just Mike. I should have clarified that, I'm sorry. Just wanted you to be in the loop.

Amy Bell
Administrative Manager
County Manager's Office
Nassau County Board of County Commissioners
(904) 530-6010

From: Janet Wylie <jwylie@nassaucountyfl.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 10:10 AM
To: Amy Bell <abell@nassaucountyfl.com>
Cc: Mike Favors <mfavors@nassaucountyfl.com>
Subject: Re: Flora Parke

Do you want both Mike Favors and myself on the conference call?

Janet Wylie

Janet Wylie, Administrative Coordinator
Nassau County Code Enforcement
96161 Nassau Place
Yulee, Florida 32097
(904) 530-6200 or 1-800-264-2065
jwylie@nassaucountyfl.com

ARMOR UP, KNIGHTS.

- ☒ **Wear a mask.**
- ☒ **Wash your hands.**
- ☒ **Practice physical distancing**

The future of this republic is in the hands of the American voter.
President Dwight D. Eisenhower

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From: Amy Bell <abell@nassaucountyfl.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 9:40 AM
To: Mike Favors <mfavors@nassaucountyfl.com>
Cc: Janet Wylie <jwylie@nassaucountyfl.com>
Subject: Flora Parke

Good morning,

I left you a voicemail, but wanted to send you this in an email also.

We will be having a phone conference this morning with residents in Flora Park as it relates to the issues/stop work order from last week. Mr. Mullin would like you to participate. Please call 1-800-503-2899, use conference code 5484590. The call is at 11:30 am today.

Thank you!

Amy Bell
Administrative Manager
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From: [Bill Bowler](#)
To: [Janet Wylie](#)
Subject: Destruction of Wetlands in Flora Parke
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 4:26:24 PM

I urge you and the Board of County Commissioners to take appropriate and meaningful action against SEDA for the wilful destruction of trees and wetlands in our community on August 13th despite having been previously denied permission to do so. Furthermore, after being issued a Stop Work Order on that day, they continued to clear the property. If no action is taken against them, or if the penalty for this destruction will be "just the cost of doing business" in Nassau County, it will only show developers like SEDA that they can wantonly disregard the building rules and regulations of this County..

I would also like to take issue with the fact that apparently SEDA was able to hire an off duty Nassau County Sheriff's Officer with an official police vehicle to stand by at the site while they proceeded to clear the property without the proper authorizations to do so. I understand that the officer advised some residents that if they attempted to interfere with SEDA employees, they would be arrested. Is this an appropriate use of County resources?

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Bill Bowler

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Idea... let's just cut down all the trees in the county?!

Pam Fox & Jim Raycraft <fox.raycraft@gmail.com>

Tue 8/18/2020 2:37 PM

To: Michael Mullin <mmullin@nassaucountyfl.com>; Taco Pope <tpope@nassaucountyfl.com>; Janet Wylie <jwylie@nassaucountyfl.com>; Daniel Leeper <dleeper@nassaucountyfl.com>; Aaron C. Bell <acbell@nassaucountyfl.com>; Pat Edwards <pedwards@nassaucountyfl.com>; Justin Taylor <jtaylor@nassaucountyfl.com>; Tom Ford <tford@nassaucountyfl.com>

Gentlemen,

I have become aware of yet another developer removing trees that were not OK to remove in the Flora Park area of Yulee. As an island resident, it may seem weird that we would care about Yulee, but we do because this is YET ANOTHER EXAMPLE of developers giving each of you, and all of us, the proverbial finger and doing what they want to make it easy and cheap for them to overbuild our area. If we continue to let this go on, whether it is on or off the island, we will face the music eventually. I am so sad to see this happen again. We have lived here four years and it seems this is a regular occurrence with no or little penalties. How about y'all make an example of SEDA since it was SO blatant, and send a message to other developers in the area. This will get you votes in the upcoming election...unless developers like SEDA are funding you...? I sure hope not. Don't let them make fools of the county officials. Show this developer, and others to come, that you CARE!
Please! Please!

Cheers, PAM

fox.raycraft@gmail.com

703-615-1780

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Mike Favors

From: Mike Favors
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 2:48 PM
To: Robert Companion
Cc: Michael Mullin; Taco Pope; Thad Crowe; Doug McDowell; Janet Wylie; Jessica White; Amy Bell
Subject: Review of damage area Lot #41.
Attachments: Fern Parke Way ID# 26-2n-28-0552-000b-0000 8-18-2020 (1) Lot# 41.docx; Fern Parke Way ID# 26-2n-28-0552-000b-0000 8-18-2020 (2) Lot# 41.docx; Fern Parke Way ID# 26-2n-28-0552-000b-0000 8-18-2020 (3) Lot# 41.docx; Fern Parke Way ID# 26-2n-28-0552-000b-0000 8-18-2020 (4) Lot# 41.docx

Good Afternoon Mr. Robert;

These are the photo's taken of the area near the property line of Lot # 41. I met with the property owner of Lot #41 and determined the property lines the best that I could. The stakes you see in the photographs, I placed there today.

Thank You,

Michael Favors
904-530-6200
96161 Nassau Place
Yulee, FL 32097



Fern Parke Way ID# 26-2n-28-0552-000b-0000

Complaint # 004893

Re-Check for Damage on Lot #41

8-18-2020 M.F. (1) Stakes W/Caution Tape is a Est. of adjacent Property Line.



Fern Parke Way ID# 26-2n-28-0552-000b-0000

Complaint # 004893

Re-Check for Damage on Lot #41

8-18-2020 M.F. (2) Stakes W/Caution Tape is a Est. of adjacent Property Line.



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EST. PROTY LINE LOT#41

Fern Parke Way ID# 26-2n-28-0552-000b-0000

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Fern Parke Way ID# 26-2n-28-0552-000b-0000
Complaint # 004893
8-19-2020 7:30 am M.F.



Nassau County
Code Enforcement Department
96161 Nassau Place
Yulee, Florida 32097

Code Enforcement Board

CASE # 20-4893 — Flora Parke Development Inc. & Seda Construction Company
Location of violation — Fern Parke Way, ID #26-2N-28-0552-000B-0000
Supporting Documents #2

1. August 19, 2020 — Email from Peggy and Anthony Kolasa reference (No Subject) -1 page
2. August 21, 2020 — Email from Martha Frieze reference Flora Parke Tree Destruction —
3. August 22, 2020 — Email from M. Mullin responding to Ms. Frieze email Flora Parke Tree Destruction — 1 page
4. August 22, 2020 — Email from Mark D. Bivings reference Flora Parke Development and M. Mullin response — 1 page
5. August 24, 2020 — Email from Pat Deacon to Commission Edwards reference Flora Parke — 2 pages
6. August 25, 2020 — Email from Pat Deacon to T. Pope reference Flora Parke and T. Pope response — 2 pages
7. August 25, 2020 — Email from Lyn Pannone to M. Mullin and T. Pope reference Sept 8 Code Enforcement Meeting requesting it to be broadcast live — 2 pages
8. Copy of business card from Dan Boyce that was given to Code Enforcement Officer Favors on August 12, 2020 on site at Flora Parke (Fern Parke Way)
9. Copy of Ordinance 99-17, Section 6.2.4 (Review Approval) and Section 6.3 (State and Federal permits) — 2 pages

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(No subject)

Peg Kkolasa <pegdk123@gmail.com>

Wed 8/19/2020 1:42 PM

To: Michael Mullin <mmullin@nassaucountyfl.com>; Taco Pope <tpope@nassaucountyfl.com>; Daniel Leeper <dleeper@nassaucountyfl.com>; aaronbell@nassaucountyfl.com <aaronbell@nassaucountyfl.com>; Pat Edwards <pedwards@nassaucountyfl.com>; Tom Ford <tford@nassaucountyfl.com>; Justin Taylor <jtaylor@nassaucountyfl.com>; Janet Wylie <jwylie@nassaucountyfl.com>

Dear County Commissioners and Code Enforcement Board Members,

First of all thank you for your leadership. Secondly I would like to bring to your attention the actions of SEDA. This company unlawfully cleared land which they had explicitly been denied permission to do. I feel strongly that if companies like SEDA do not follow the law they should pay retribution for the damage they caused. Right now fines are so low it is good business for them to defy the law.

Thank you in advance for any help in saving our beautiful environment from people who only care about their bottom line.

Peggy and Anthony Kolasa

110 Sea Marsh Road

Fernandina Beach, Florida

Sent from my iPad

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Flora Parke Tree Destruction

Martha Frieze <purplemoosh@gmail.com>

Fri 8/21/2020 5:15 PM

To: Michael Mullin <mmullin@nassaucountyfl.com>

Cc: tpope@nassaucountyfl.com <tpope@nassaucountyfl.com>; Daniel Leeper <dleeper@nassaucountyfl.com>;

Aaron C. Bell <acbell@nassaucountyfl.com>; Pat Edwards <pedwards@nassaucountyfl.com>; Tom Ford

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In addition to being livid that this can happen, I live on Prairie Parke Place in Flora Parke and am constantly worried now that SEDA will do the exact same thing to the protected wetlands across the street from my house. I am requesting that you please support the citizens and the environment in every way that you can to stop this developer, SEDA, and any other developer from committing these heinous activities with no regard for anything other than money in their pocket. Please help Nassau County stop these kind of actions. Thank you in advance for taking proactive measures to stop these actions by developers in Nassau County.

Martha Frieze

33247 Prairie Parke Place

Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

904-982-9506

purplemoosh@gmail.com

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RE: Flora Parke Tree Destruction

Michael Mullin <mmullin@nassaucountyfl.com>

Sat 8/22/2020 11:41 AM

To: Martha Frieze <purplemoosh@gmail.com>

Cc: tpope@nassaucountyfl.com <tpope@nassaucountyfl.com>; Daniel Leeper <dleeper@nassaucountyfl.com>; Aaron C. Bell <acbell@nassaucountyfl.com>; Pat Edwards <pedwards@nassaucountyfl.com>; Tom Ford <tford@nassaucountyfl.com>; Justin Taylor <jtaylor@nassaucountyfl.com>; Janet Wylie <jwylie@nassaucountyfl.com>; Norman Kennedy <nkennedy@nassaucountyfl.com>; Douglas Podiak <dpodiak@nassaucountyfl.com>

Thank you for your comments. The Code Enforcement Board will hear the matter on Sept. 8th. Anyone providing testimony that is relevant will be heard. Each speaker can address the board in the chambers, in the hall or via zoom.

From: Martha Frieze <purplemoosh@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 5:16 PM

To: Michael Mullin <mmullin@nassaucountyfl.com>

Cc: tpope@nassaucountyfl.com; Daniel Leeper <dleeper@nassaucountyfl.com>; Aaron C. Bell <acbell@nassaucountyfl.com>; Pat Edwards <pedwards@nassaucountyfl.com>; Tom Ford <tford@nassaucountyfl.com>; Justin Taylor <jtaylor@nassaucountyfl.com>; Janet Wylie <jwylie@nassaucountyfl.com>

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RE: Flora Parke Development

Michael Mullin <mmullin@nassaucountyfl.com>

Sat 8/22/2020 12:05 PM

To: Mark <markbivings@aol.com>

Cc: Amy Bell <abell@nassaucountyfl.com>; Susan Gilbert <sgilbert@nassaucountyfl.com>; Janet Wylie <jwylie@nassaucountyfl.com>; Mike Favors <mfavors@nassaucountyfl.com>

A stop work order was issued. The Code Enforcement Board will hear the matter on Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the County Commission Chambers. Felony matters are not within the legal authority of the County Commission but we have other penalties that can be enforced. If you have any further questions do not hesitate to call.

-----Original Message-----

From: Mark <markbivings@aol.com>

Sent: Saturday, August 22, 2020 11:32 AM

To: Michael Mullin <mmullin@nassaucountyfl.com>

Subject: Flora Parke Development

Dear Mr Mullins,

As you may have heard, there has been some illegal activity occurring within our development by the developer.

A tract of Natural Wetlands area as platted and approved by the county, was cleared and partially filled for the purpose of development. No permits were pulled nor were any of the other requests made by the county completed before this destruction.

The homeowners in this neighborhood were sold conservation lots at a premium (myself included.) If this is allowed to proceed we will consider it Felony Theft. Please see Florida statutes as theft in any amount over \$300 constitutes a felony. Since the values assigned to these lots was in excess of \$10,000 extra you can see how upset the homeowners are!

I ask that you use every power available to you to stop the developer from proceeding further, repair the damage done, and to insure that it does not occur again. A (Stop Work Order) for the ENTIRE development would send a clear and consistent message that county rules concerning development MUST be followed.

The developer through their control of the HOA has been clear that they insist in all HOA rules be followed to the letter, therefore they must be held to the same standard.

Thank you for your time and focus on this issue.

Mark D Bivings

32391 Fern Parke Way

Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

Sent from my iPhone

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FW: Flora Parke

Michael Mullin <mmullin@nassaucountyfl.com>

Mon 8/24/2020 12:30 PM

To: Janet Wylie <jwylie@nassaucountyfl.com>

Cc: Mike Favors <mfavors@nassaucountyfl.com>; Pat Edwards <pedwards@nassaucountyfl.com>; Amy Bell <abell@nassaucountyfl.com>

From: Pat Edwards <pedwards@nassaucountyfl.com>

Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 12:29 PM

To: Michael Mullin <mmullin@nassaucountyfl.com>

Subject: Fwd: Flora Parke

Mike,

Please add this email to the record.

Thanks!

Pat Edwards

County Commissioner, D3

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Pat Deacon <Pat_Deacon@hotmail.com>

Date: August 24, 2020 at 11:19:17 AM EDT

To: Pat Edwards <pedwards@nassaucountyfl.com>

Subject: Flora Parke

Dear Commissioner Edwards,

We are residents of Flora Parke, having purchased our home in July of 2017. We moved here from metro Atlanta, a city full of trees. Fernandina Beach has the unique combination of a small town with a very suburban atmosphere and lots of natural areas buffering development. The recent actions of SEDA, the Flora Parke developer, as documented in the News Leader and on our neighborhood facebook page are very disturbing to say the least. SEDA's callous disregard for existing laws regarding tree removal and filling in protected wetlands is outrageous. Apparently the current consequences for their actions are insufficient since it didn't stop them. What is the County going to do about that?

In recent years the area has seen more hurricane activity than it has in many years. The wetlands act as storm buffers and help significantly with flood control. Why are you letting SEDA destroy these critical environmental