
**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: Resolution - Recognizing Florida's Forestry Community for their Protection of Florida's Wetlands and Water Resources

DEPARTMENT: County Manager Office

DIVISION:

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MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:

(Resolution to be presented outside the Board of County Commissioners meeting) Adopt a Resolution recognizing Florida's forestry community for their commitment to protecting Florida's wetlands and water resources.

County-wide

Cynthia Coto

BACKGROUND:

The Florida Forestry Association magazine featured a summary of the 2007 Silviculture Best Management Practices (BMPs) Implementation Survey Report indicating forestry's contribution to clean water.

The report is the result of a statewide Survey conducted by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Division of Forestry, in cooperation with Florida's public and private forest landowners. This Survey is conducted biennially throughout the state, on a random sample of recent forestry operations including logging, road and stream crossing construction and site preparation.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board adopt a Resolution recognizing Florida's forestry community for their commitment to protecting Florida's wetlands and water resources.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution - Florida's Forestry Association - Wetlands

Additionally Reviewed By: No additional reviews

R E S O L U T I O N

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ON THE 12th DAY OF AUGUST 2008.

WHEREAS, Silviculture Best Management Practices are designed to minimize the impacts that forestry activities can have on wetlands and water resources, through a non-regulatory approach; and

WHEREAS, the Best Management Practices were first developed in 1979, and the Division of Forestry has worked with forest landowners, loggers, the Florida Forestry Association and the forest industry to conduct training on Best Management Practices implementation; and

WHEREAS, Best Management Practices implementation monitoring has been conducted biennially by the Division of Forestry since 1981 and a high implementation rate was achieved again in 2007; and

WHEREAS, a 98.6 percent statewide implementation rate in 2007 recognizes accountability for on the ground performance, and demonstrates how the forestry community and members of the Florida Forestry Association continue to put these Best Management Practices into practices; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is proud of the voluntary leadership of its forestry community in protecting wetlands water quality and enhancing the sustainability of our forest and water resources for future generations to use and enjoy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, Florida applauds the transparency of Florida's forestry community to be evaluated on their efforts to protect Florida's important forest and forest-related resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, Florida join the state in recognizing a 29-year history of good performance by these individuals, agencies and companies who manage Florida's public and private forested land.

ADOPTED, this 12th day of August, 2008.

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ATTEST:

Maryanne Morse, Clerk to the
Board of County Commissioners
in and for the County of Seminole,
State of Florida

Brenda Carey, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners