

ZOS-03-10

**Gerald L. Brewington**

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**From:** boyds1@gru.net  
**Sent:** Monday, June 14, 2010 6:52 PM  
**To:** Gerald L. Brewington  
**Subject:** application #ZOS-03-10

Hi Jerry,

My husband and I live at 1830 SE 32nd Place. We are leaving for a vacation on Wednesday and will be unable to attend the Plan Board meeting on Wednesday, June 16th. Please include this e-mail in the public comments.

I've been at 1830 SE 32nd Place since 1989 and have seen many changes with the landfill. Since Paul Florence has taken over I have been quite satisfied with the management and running of the site.

In regards to the new permit, we met with Paul a couple of months ago and took a tour of the landfill. He explained what he wants to do and showed us the markings for the new height and the berms.

We understand that the new permit will extend the life of the landfill, and we are fine with that.

Our major concerns:

- 1) There are invasive exotics growing on the site and Paul has worked to eradicate them, but there are still areas with the bad plants. We would like Paul to hire a company to work on these invasive plants on an ongoing basis. Once the site is filled, there will still be a need to keep the plants under control, so we would want this company to continue to monitor the site after it is closed.
- 2) If Paul decides to sell the landfill, we would want the new permit to be voided and have the new owners go through another permitting process. We would want to make sure that the new company has a good record for running whatever business they were in before allowing them to take over this sensitive site.

Sincerely,  
Sherrri Boyd Amundson  
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**From:** Julie Robitaille [julie.robitaille@stcollege.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 15, 2010 3:44 PM  
**To:** Gerald L. Brewington  
**Subject:** Florence landfill permit application ZOS-03-10

**Florence landfill permit application ZOS-03-10**

Hi, I am a neighbor to the landfill with my house about a quarter mile from the edge. I am writing to support the renewal application.

Julie and Steve Robitaille  
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Doug Hornbeck  
3120 SE 27<sup>th</sup> St  
Gainesville FL 32641

June 16, 2010

Gerry Brewington  
Alachua County Planning Department  
Gainesville Florida

Mr. Brewington:

I am writing in support of zoning application ZOS-003-10 for the extension of the Southeast Landfill operating permit. I am a neighbor whose house is four-tenths of a mile through the woods from the landfill.

I realize that the applicant is requesting to elevate the center of the landfill nearly thirty feet higher that is allowed in the current permit, and this will extend the life of the facility for many years. However, because Mr. Florence has been so responsive to neighborhood concerns in the past, it is easy to trust that he will continue to do so in the future. He has been creative with stockpiling cover material in the form of berms that go a long way toward shielding neighbors from unsightly views and noise.

Oddly enough there are even benefits to having a mound of trash nearby. Having the heavy equipment operator at the landfill watching out for unexplained smoke in the area is like having a manned fire tower next door. Several years ago Les called my cell phone asking if I were burning anything. Since I was out of town, he sent Mr. Florence to investigate the smoke. It was a wildfire that reached a distance of 250 feet from my house before being extinguished. Earlier this year, Mr. Florence called about smoke he saw that turned out to be a wildfire in a neighbor's goat pasture.

Mr. Florence has also been very helpful in neighborhood land management efforts—cleaning trash off properties, controlling exotic invasive plants, and preparing for prescribed fire. Please allow the landfill operation to continue and to vertically expand as the applicant has requested.

Sincerely,

Doug Hornbeck



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June 15, 2010

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re: **Florence landfill permit application ZOS-03-10**

Dear Mr. Brewington

As a neighbor of the Florence Landfill, I am commenting on their permit renewal. Personally, I can state that they have been a good neighbor – always helpful with clean-ups, road maintenance, and problem-solving. A couple of years ago, a Florence employee spotted smoke from our property, and took the time to determine that it was a wildfire, and averted a serious disaster by calling the fire department before the fire spread to more than a few acres.

It is my belief that the Florences have complied with all the major conditions placed on them regarding operational times, non-access by the public, buffers, exotic plant eradication efforts, dust control, etc. Some of these were conditions first placed on their permit when I served on the Commission a decade ago.

I also want to comment on them as a corporate citizen. They have helped Alachua Conservation Trust on dozens of occasions. Almost every parcel of conservation land we purchase has junk, old buildings, and other stuff to dispose of. Florence Recycling and Landfill has donated scores of roll-off containers, heavy equipment, and their expertise whenever we ask. They have demonstrated their environmental commitment to us in the way they handle materials and the precautions they take.

The Florence's are in a tough business. But I recall the way things used to be with this landfill under previous ownership – and the Florences have taken a serious liability and turned it into a necessary and professionally run asset to the neighborhood and the community. There are not many landfills who can evoke that response.

I encourage you to recommend renewal of the Florence's permit to operate for another term. I'm happy to provide additional information upon request.

With warm regards,

Robert Hutchinson

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**From:** Mark Stowe [mkstowegn@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 15, 2010 12:42 PM  
**To:** Gerald L. Brewington; Mike Drummond  
**Subject:** Florence landfill permit application ZOS-03-10

Hi, I am a neighbor to the landfill with my house about a quarter mile from the edge. I am writing to support the renewal application. Since the sorting part of the landfill operation was moved to Hawthorne road, the noise is barely noticeable and the truck traffic is trivial. Paul and his workers were instrumental in several monumental neighborhood cleanups and have helped with road and tree issues. They have built berms for visual and acoustic barriers, support local removal of exotic plants and in many other ways have gone way above and beyond to be good neighbors.

I have been to the sorting operation and seen how carefully they remove recyclables and inappropriate non C&D waste from the material that is delivered there. Given that the damage to the land has already been done, the continuing use of that area as a C&D landfill is probably the best use for it. If waste had to go elsewhere, there would be more net damage to the environment from the resulting extra transportation energy and pollution. I have faith in their continuing cooperation neighborhood concerns and in their eventual creation of an aesthetically pleasing landscape when the operation ceases.

Keeping the operation is a textbook case of win win. Thank you for your consideration. Best wishes,

Mark Stowe  
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**From:** Cohen, Matthew J [mjic@UFL.EDU]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 15, 2010 4:01 PM  
**To:** Gerald L. Brewington; Mike Drummond  
**Cc:** Leah Cohen  
**Subject:** Florence Landfill permit application ZOS-03--10

Dear Sirs,

I am writing in support the the renewal of Paul Florence's permit for a C&D landfill in Kincaid Loop. My wife and I are the northern neighbors of the capped landfill to the east of the existing operation, and near enough to the active landfill to be directly affected by it. In our experience, the vehicular traffic is modest, comparatively quiet, and respectfully constrained to daytime and weekday periods. There is no aroma or dust that we've detected. As such, the facility itself poses little nuisance. Moreover, Paul has been vigilant regarding stormwater and air quality controls, as far as we know, so using the existing site as the permanent storage for that C&D waste stream seems viable to us as citizens concerned about the environment.

In addition to the sound manner in which the facility appears to be run, we have benefitted from Paul's enormous generosity as a neighbor. His access to heavy machinery for cleaning large quantities of trash that were present on our land (and others) when we bought it, his willingness to use grading machinery to maintain dirt roads, and his offer to help with a wide variety of community improvement projects underscore the good citizen and neighbor that he is. I feel it would be remiss to overlook this when considering the renewal.

Given our experience with Paul and with the landfill, and being among those most affected by the landfill and any changes in its permitting, we feel well positioned to argue for the renewal of the permit.

Thank you, and please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Best regards,  
Matt

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June 1, 2010

Notice of Zoning Application #ZOS-03-10

Dear Property Owner:

As owner of property within the vicinity of the area covered by this request (which may not be immediately adjacent to your property), you are hereby notified of the above zoning application.

The zoning process on this item will include two (2) public hearings: An advisory hearing with the Planning Commission followed by a final hearing with the Board of County Commissioners. The Planning Commission hearing and the Board of County Commission hearing will be held in the Jack Durane Auditorium of the Alachua County Administration Building.

Planning Commission date and time:

Wednesday, June 16, 2010, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Board of County Commissioners date and time:

To be determined

You are invited to attend and participate in the hearings.

For your information, we have enclosed a zoning map and description of the application. The application file is accessible for review and a copy of the staff report is available upon request. A pamphlet and video containing information about quasi-judicial proceedings is also available upon request.

*You are encouraged to provide written comments in the space provided below and return your response to us no later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 15, 2010. This will allow us to make your response a part of the information packet presented to the Commissioners prior to the public hearings.*

If you have any questions, or desire further information, please contact the Development Services Section at (352) 374-5249.

**PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY/USE DARK INK**

**RETURN THIS PORTION**

Comments: The fence height has been as good of a neighbor as one could hope to have & they care no problem and in fact provide valuable assistance to best community projects I can imagine that they manage their operations in a way that minimizes the potential for contamination and we you to approve & renewe I will be out of the county for both hearings & I would appreciate your support of the application.

**SIGNED:**



APPLICATION #ZOS-03-10

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