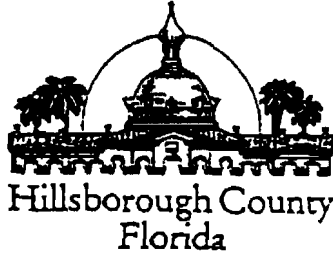


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Mr Jerry L Maxwell  
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RE Water Supply Development Rights/Cone Ranch  
Administrative Assignment #1391

Dear Mr Maxwell.

Based on information provided to me by County Staff, Tampa Bay Water is currently investigating the feasibility of a well field at the Property know as the Cone Ranch. This 12,900 (more or less) acre property is located in the northeast corner of Hillsborough County east of SR 39 and north of Knights Griffin Road (see attached map).

This property was acquired in 1988 in anticipation that it would be developed as a well field for Hillsborough County and has been fully financed by the County. While at that time the objective for this property was for a well field, this acquisition occurred when groundwater well fields were considered the community standard for providing potable water. During the past decade we have seen some of the environmental and community problems that this type of water supply can cause. Like many other industries, potable water supply has started to adapt to use other methods that minimize these impacts.

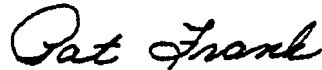
This property provides potential for a natural wetland preserve. Much of this property has been identified for preservation under the County's ELAP Program. Additionally, it is currently being evaluated for conservation and restoration through a federal program.

In an effort to restore and preserve the natural qualities of this property, as well as help protect the associated water resources that benefit other current potable water sources, the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners would like to see these water development rights released to the County. Therefore, I respectfully request that Tampa Bay Water release the water supply development rights held on the property known as "Cone Ranch" to Hillsborough County so that the County can pursue the preservation of this property. As part of your response please provide the terms, conditions, and other requirements that Tampa Bay Water may have for this release (if any)

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We welcome the opportunity to meet with you and other Tampa Bay Water staff to discuss this matter. Your consideration of this matter is appreciated and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Pat Frank, Chairman  
Hillsborough County  
Board of County Commissioners

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