

**RESOLUTION NO. 89- 37**

**WHEREAS**, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida, has continued to pursue the proposed Southeast Solid Waste Disposal landfill site (sometimes referred to as the SR-210 site) that borders on the County of St. Johns; and,

**WHEREAS**, we have expressed to the local elected officials of Jacksonville, Florida, our concern for this area and the proposed landfill project of Jacksonville; and,

**WHEREAS**, this project is not compatible with the Comprehensive Plan of St. Johns County; and,

**WHEREAS**, the landfill site is approximately one (1) mile from a major Junior-Senior High School of St. Johns County; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed site is situated within the headwater wetlands, (Durbin Swamp), feeding the last pristine tributary of the St. Johns River in Northeast Florida, -- Durbin Creek; and,

**WHEREAS**, the wetlands on site are high quality and extensive; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed site overlies a recharge area to the Floridan aquifer, our ultimate drinking water source; and,

**WHEREAS**, the surficial aquifer is highly vulnerable to contamination and meets Environmental Protection Agency guidelines for Class I status; and,

**WHEREAS**, 40-50% of this site and the large portion of surrounding land area is within the 100-year flood hazard zones; and,

**WHEREAS**, this Durbin Creek wetlands system and its contiguous and surrounding uplands serve as refuge and/or habitat for rare Florida animals including endangered, threatened species, and species of special concern of wildlife, such as -----gopher tortoise, Florida black bear, Southern Bald Eagle, wood stork, Sherman fox squirrel, Florida panther and the West Indian manatee which uses the creek system; and,

**WHEREAS**, this estaurine creek system provides highly productive fish nursery habitat; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville conducted an extensive alternative site analysis evaluating eleven (11) locations other than Durbin Swamp as potential landfill sites, which resulted in a prioritized ranking of more suitable landfill sites, which did not include the Durbin Swamp site; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Durbin Swamp site does not comply with 26 of the City of Jacksonville's 27 previously applied site evaluation criteria; and,

**WHEREAS**, a solid waste disposal facility is not a water-dependent use; and,

**WHEREAS**, an Environmental Impact Statement, (EIS), should be prepared in order to evaluate the damage to environmental resources which would be perpetrated by construction of the proposed project in the currently chosen location;

**WHEREAS**, these concerns have not been answered to the satisfaction of the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners;

**WHEREAS**, for these and other reasons the permitting of the proposed landfill project would be contrary to the public interest.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners hereby requests denial of permitting of this landfill by the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners hereby requests that the Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission strongly urge the above agencies to deny the permits.

**PASSED** this 14th day of February, 1989.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY *Kay Walker*  
Chairman

ATTEST: Carl "Bud" Markel

By *Connie E. McDaniel*  
Deputy Clerk