

*Appropriate Agencies
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Re: Alachua County Waterways Master Plan

Dear _____,

On January 22, 2008 the Alachua County Commission received the Waterways Master Plan Report prepared by the University of Florida. The Commission asked the UF team to make recommendations for the sustainable recreational and commercial use of the County's major surface waters using input from residents and stakeholder groups. As part of the Board's action on the many report recommendations was have County Staff investigate the following recommendations:

- Recommendation 4d: Educate the public about proper procedures to follow when using boat ramps.
- Recommendation 7a: Educate user groups on boating behaviors, etiquette, and technology that can minimize noise impacts from motorized vessels.
- Recommendation 13a: Post signs at boat ramps that explain existing regulations and contain contact information for law enforcement agencies.

The Alachua County Staff would appreciate your insight, comments, suggestions, and available information pertaining to the above Waterways Master Plan recommendations.

To better understand the report recommendations and the Commission's actions it would be beneficial for you to review the complete Waterways Master Plan. You can view the Master Plan at the following websites:

- <http://www.alachuawaterways.org/>
- <http://www.alachuacounty.us/documents/bocc/agendas/2008-01-22/62E0BA57-D767-4467-9DE7-35DC9EC7CC38Agenda.htm> (See item #24)

Your response should be directed to Mr. Robert Avery, Parks Superintendent., at P.O. Box 1188, Gainesville, FL, 32602-1188. If you have any questions or want to discuss this request please contact Mr. Avery at 352-374-5245 ext. 247 or e-mail him at ravery@alachuacounty.us.

I look forward to your response to the Waterways Master Plan recommendations as outlined above.

Sincerely

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Parks Superintendent