

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

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CONSENT: NO YES

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Brief description of problem or concern:

Thankful for the Board's vision in the TNR program for Manatee County's Stray & Feral Cats

Case Study: Marion Island proves that removing cats from an area is a futile effort that leads to decades of cruelty

The only documented instance of a population of cats being permanently, “successfully” removed from their habitat occurred in an abhorrently cruel program that proves just how impossible, impractical, and inhumane it is to attempt to kill off a target population of cats.

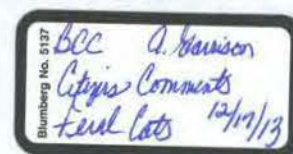
In 1975, scientists set out to kill all of the 2,500 feral cats living on Marion Island—a tiny, uninhabited sub-Antarctic island measuring just 115 square miles, where there was no chance that new cats could move in. In their first attempt, researchers aerially sprayed feline distemper virus over the island. Sixty-five percent of the cats suffered and died painfully, but the other 35% developed immunity and the population quickly rebounded. Compounding this failed effort with further cruelty, they next brought in dogs to flush out the remaining cats. Between 1986 and 1991, the last cats were hunted with guns and, when that also failed, trapped and poisoned.¹

It took 19 years and ruthless methods to clear Marion Island of cats. That’s nearly two decades to kill all of the cats in an environment where no new cats could enter. Even in this extremely isolated environment, scientists noted “[T]he recolonization of preferred habitats, cleared of cats, from neighboring suboptimal areas...”² In other words, they still observed the vacuum effect.

The outrageously inhumane methods used to kill the cats of Marion Island were unacceptable 20 years ago and they remain unacceptable today—not only because of their horrific cruelty, but also because they are impossible to replicate in populated areas like cities and towns. Although often held up by opponents of TNR as an example of successful feral cat control, all the Marion Island example proves is the existence of the vacuum effect and the futility of attempting to permanently clear an area of cats by killing them.

[1] Bester, M. N., et al. "A Review of the Successful Eradication of Feral Cats from Sub-Antarctic Marion Island, Southern Indian Ocean." *South African Journal of Wildlife* 32, no. 1 (April 2002): 65-73.

[2] *Ibid.*



Feral Cats and the Public—A Healthy Relationship

The science behind why feral cats are safe members of our communities

Public health policies all over the country reflect the scientific evidence: feral cats live healthy lives outdoors and don't spread disease to people. But, advocates of catch and kill programs continue to justify this cruel practice by insisting that feral cats represent a threat to public health because they do spread disease. "There's simply no evidence to back up these claims," says Deborah L. Ackerman, M.S., Ph.D., an adjunct associate professor of epidemiology at the UCLA School of Public Health.

More and more, public health officials are embracing Trap-Neuter-Return for feral cats and replacing outdated policies based on unfounded fears. "I'm not a cat or animal lover," says Ron Cash, director of the Atlantic City Department of Health and Human Services, "But I believe the complaints and hysteria about disease as result of feral cats are overblown."

Most diseases that infect cats can only be spread from cat to cat, not from cat to human. You are much more likely to catch an infectious disease from the person standing in line with you at the grocery store than from a cat.

Infectious diseases can only spread from cats to humans via direct contact with either the cat or its feces, and feral cats typically avoid humans. "Feral cats pose even less risk to public health than pet cats because they have minimal human contact, and any contact that does occur is almost always initiated by the person," says Ackerman.

Science Shows Feral Cat Colonies Pose No Disease Risk to Humans

The health risks that catch and kill advocates most often blame on cats are intestinal parasites, rabies, flea-borne typhus, and toxoplasmosis. Yet the spread of these diseases has never been conclusively linked to feral cats. Ackerman says that the risk of catching an intestinal parasite like *Cryptosporidium* and *Giardia* from cats has been vastly over-hyped. Molecular studies show that these parasites are usually species specific—meaning that the type that infects cats does not infect humans.

No danger from rabies

The notion that stray cats spread rabies is another empty argument used by advocates of catch and kill programs, says Ackerman. The last confirmed cat-to-human transmission of rabies occurred in 1975 and the risk of catching rabies from a feral cat is almost non-existent. Statistics from the CDC show that as a source of rabies infections, cats rank way behind wild animals like bats, skunks, and foxes who account for more than 90% of reported cases of the disease. And, Trap-Neuter-Return is a safeguard against rabies, because "the vaccination component of TNR programs ensures that the cats in managed colonies cannot catch or spread rabies," says Ackerman.

Most Cases of Toxoplasmosis Stem from Undercooked Food, Not Cats

Catch and kill advocates sometimes argue for killing feral cats because they can transmit toxoplasmosis, a parasitic disease that spreads via *Toxoplasma* oocysts shed in the feces of an infected animal. But studies show that the overwhelming majority of toxoplasmosis cases actually result from eating undercooked meat. According to CDC statistics, toxoplasmosis is the third leading cause of food-borne illness-related death in the U.S. Pregnant women and their fetuses face a higher risk from the disease—a fact that catch and kill advocates often abuse to incite public paranoia—but a study published in the *Archives of Internal Medicine* in 2002 concluded that pregnant women were unlikely to catch toxoplasmosis from a cat.

Catch and Kill doesn't Improve Public Health

"Catch and kill policies are fear-based and rely on old wives' tales and flawed research to justify prejudice against cats," says Ackerman. Removing feral cats is never a sustainable solution, because that only opens up new territory for other feral cats to use. According to Ackerman, there's absolutely no evidence that catch and kill policies reduce the incidence of human disease.

Trap-Neuter-Return Programs Protect Public Health and Prevent the Spread of Disease

Trap-Neuter-Return programs help to stabilize feral cat populations, and the vaccination component ensures that cats are protected against disease. These programs also allow cat caregivers and public health officials to monitor the health of cats in the community and ensure that they're immunized—and that "protects the health of cats and humans alike," says Cash.

Catch and kill programs offer no such similar benefits, because cats are simply removed without regard to their health. "TNR is good public health policy," says Cash. Atlantic City has been collaborating with Alley Cat Allies for the past ten years to manage feral cat colonies under the city's famous boardwalk. The TNR program that Atlantic City developed with Alley Cat Allies has never posed any health problems to the community, says Cash. "Before our relationship with Alley Cat Allies, I was getting numerous complaints about feral cats," he said. But since Alley Cat Allies began managing these colonies with TNR, the problems have ceased entirely, he says. "The [cat] population that's here is much healthier," says Cash. "They're coexisting with people very well now. Most people don't even know the cats are there."

While catch and kill advocates cling to outdated thinking and hyped-up stories, the people studying, teaching, and defending public health recognize that feral cats do not spread disease to people. Policies based on fear, hype, and hysteria serve neither the public nor the cats, and will only end in more cats being killed.

Instead, feral cat policies should reflect the science and the facts—feral cats are healthy animals. From a public health standpoint as well as a humane one, the best approach for feral cats is Trap-Neuter-Return because it benefits the cats and the community.

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Brief description of problem or concern:

Cat Population Problem in Trailer Estates
Odor, Cat droppings etc.

To Manatee County Commissioner

Topic : Overpopulation of Feral Cats

We the undersigned residents of Trailer Estates Park and Recreation District in Bradenton Florida wish to stop the return of Feral cats to our district after they have been picked or trapped for spayed and neutering . Trailer Estates is experiencing an overpopulation of feral cats along with the bad odors of urine and feces found on many properties and the very possibility of hazards to the health of our seniors . Pets are only allowed in a very small section in the park , while the remaining area does not allow for pets as per the park's regulation .

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Brief description of problem or concern:

*Cat feeding of in Truitt Estates - Also re noise program
Health issue for residents*

Asthmatic



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R Hill
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THIS IS A 'PETITION' TO STOP THE FEEDING AND THE SUPPORTING OF OPERATING A PRIVATE BUSINESS, EITHER FOR 'PROFIT' OR 'NON PROFIT' OPERATION(S). MANATEE COUNTY CATCH AND RELEASE PROGRAM HAS GREATLY IMPACTED THIS COMMUNITY DUE TO THE RESIDENTS WHOM HAVE TAKEN IT UPON THEMSELVES TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH PROGRAM .

RESIDENT(S) LIVING IN THE NO-PET SECTION HAVE BEEN WORKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CATCH AND RELEASE PROGRAM BY CATCHING, SENDING TO BE NEUTERED - ONLY TO HAVE EACH CAPTURED CAT RETURNED BACK TO THE RESIDENT(S). CONTINUING THIS CAPTURE, FIX, AND RETURN POLICY TO THE NO-PET SECTION OF TRAILER ESTATES...NEEDLESSLY TO SAY, HAS CAUSED SERIOUS INDIVIDUAL PERSONAL HEALTH PROBLEMS FOR MANY OF THE RESIDENTS WHOM HAS TO BE UNFORTUNATE ENOUGH,... TO BE NEIGHBORS.

RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHOM HAVE BECOME AFFECTED DIRECTLY DUE TO THE CLOSE PROXIMITY OF THE FERAL CATS BEING RELEASED *** BACK TO THESE RESIDENTS.***

I AGREE ... SUCH ACTIVITIES - THE PARTICIPATION OF CAPTURING AND / OR FEEDING WILD FERAL CATS CAPTURE AND RELEASE PROGRAM... HAS BECOME THE CAUSE AND CONCERNS WITH GREAT JUSTIFICATIONS, TO MANY OF THE NO-PET SECTION RESDIENTS AS FOLLOWS:

SERIOUS BREATHING PROBLEMS

ENVIORNMENTAL ISSUES DUE TO THE FERAL CATS URINE AND THEIR FECES IN, ON THE RESDIENT(S) PROPERTY AND ALSO COVERS A WIDE-SPREAD COMMUNITY HEALTH ISSUE FOR SEVERAL SERIOUS HEALTH AND SAFETY RISKS: INFECTIONS DISEASES, BACTERIAS, VIRUSES ARE KNOWN TO BE PRESENT AND RESEARCHERS FROM BOTH JOHN HOPKINS UNIVERSITY AND STANLEY MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE HAVE MADE SUCH REPORTS, IN "TRENDS IN PARASITOLOGY'S JULY 10TH, 2013 ISSUE !!!

SCIENTISTS REPORTED ON THIS MATTER STATING, "SOME CAT FECUS ARE CONTAMINATED WITH TOXOPLASMA GONDII - A PROTOZOAN KNOWN TO CAUSE TOXOPLASMOSIS EPIDEMICS IN HEALTHY INDIVIDUALS... NOT, JUST PATIENTS WITH IMMUNE SYSTEMS DISORDERS AND PREGNANT MOTHERS. THESE CATS BECOME INFECTED WHEN THEY CATCH INFETCED MICE , BIRDS, AND OTHER SMALL MAMMELS. SUCH INFECTED CATS THEN SPREADS OOCYSTS THROUGH ITS FECUS IN SOIL , WATER, GRASS, ETC. ! * NOTE : THE MAJORITY OF INFECTED PEOPLE WILL HAVE NO SIGNS OR SYMPTOMS AT ALL.

PEOPLE WITH WEAKENED IMMUNE SYSTEMS ; PEOPLE WITH TRANSPLANTED ORGANS OR RECIPIENTS ON IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE MEDICATIONS, SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS WILL OR MAY INCLUDE: FEVER, SOAR THROAT, HEADACHES, TIREDNESS, CONFUSION, COORDINATION PROBLEMS, SEIZURES, TUBERCULOSIS-LIKE SYMPTOMS, OCULAR TOXOPLASMOSIS - SEVERE INFLAMMATION OF THE RETINA;

THEREFORE ... I UNDERSTAND AND I AGREE BY SIGNING MY SIGNATURE, THAT THE RESIDENT(S) WORKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH MANATEE ANIMAL CONTROLS CATCH AND RELEASE PROGRAM-

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Brief description of problem or concern: Feral Cats / Release
Monter County Catch Fix Release
Program Needs Changes to Program

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Brief description of problem or concern:

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KINNAN PARK - 19 ACRES

Obama Pushes “Green Button”

As part of President Obama’s executive order last week, which included directing the federal government to triple its use of renewable energy by 2020, Obama instructed agencies to incorporate “Green Button” data further into their energy management practices.

First unveiled in 2012, the Green Button Initiative is literally a green button on a utility’s website that allows consumers to download their energy consumption data in a format that’s easy to understand.

According to the Department of Energy, 48 utilities and electricity suppliers serving more than 59 million homes and businesses have committed to giving customers Green Button access, and over 100 millions Americans already have access to their Green Button energy data.

The Green Button website says that the data provided to customers can be used to save energy in a number of different ways. These include customizing heating and cooling settings, helping facilitate energy-efficiency retrofiting, verifying energy-efficiency investments, and optimizing cost-effectiveness of solar panels, to name a few.

This kind of information can be especially useful in managing large campuses or apartment complexes where energy demands differ across different spaces.

In 2011, for the fifth consecutive year, American households paid more for electricity than they did the year before, reaching \$1,419 that year. If having more access to data can help reduce energy use and energy costs, it’s a win-win for everyone.

Next year a similar Blue Button will be offered to provide data for healthcare records, which will allow clients to easily compile medical history and information.

Submitted by Glen Gibellina DEC 17, 2013 glenfede@yahoo.com



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Office of the Press Secretary

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December 5, 2013

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Federal Leadership on Energy Management

In order to create a clean energy economy that will increase our Nation's prosperity, promote energy security, combat climate change, protect the interests of taxpayers, and safeguard the health of our environment, the Federal Government must lead by example. During my Administration, Federal agencies have reduced their annual greenhouse gas emissions by more than 15 percent (7.8 million metric tons) -- the equivalent of removing 1.5 million cars from the road. Today I am establishing new goals for renewable energy as well as new energy-management practices.

Agencies are already well on their way towards meeting the aggressive sustainability goals set forth in Executive Order 13514 of October 5, 2009 (Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy, and Economic Performance). This memorandum establishes a new target for Federal use of renewable energy that challenges agencies to more than double their renewable electricity consumption. In order to improve their ability to manage energy consumption, promote the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and achieve the sustainability goals set forth in Executive Order 13514, this memorandum also directs agencies to update their building-performance and energy-management practices, by encouraging the use of the consensus-based, industry-standard Green Button data access system (Green Button) and the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Energy Star Portfolio Manager.

To help agencies achieve my Administration's climate change goals and increase development of new renewable energy sources, I hereby direct the following:

Section 1. Renewable Energy Target. (a) By fiscal year 2020, to the extent economically feasible and technically practicable, 20 percent of the total amount of electric energy consumed by each agency during any fiscal year shall be renewable energy.

(b) Agencies shall seek to achieve the renewable energy

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(i) installing agency-funded renewable energy on-site at Federal facilities and retain renewable energy certificates;

(ii) contracting for energy that includes the installation of a renewable energy project on-site at a Federal facility or off-site from a Federal facility and the retention of renewable energy certificates for the term of the contract;

(iii) purchasing electricity and corresponding renewable energy certificates; and

(iv) purchasing renewable energy certificates.

(c) Agencies shall ensure that 100 percent of renewable energy certificates identified in subsection (b)(iii) and (b)(iv) of this section are produced by new renewable sources as defined in section 5(c) of this memorandum.

(d) Agencies shall consider opportunities, to the extent economically feasible and technically practical, to install or contract for energy installed on current or formerly contaminated lands, landfills, and mine sites.

Sec. 2. Accounting for Renewable Energy. (a) For the purposes of the renewable energy consumption target in section 1(a) of this memorandum, agency progress shall be determined by reference to the ownership of renewable energy certificates for electric energy consumed.

(b) The percentage of renewable energy counted towards the target in section 1 of this memorandum shall be doubled if the renewable energy conforms with section 203(c)(1) through (3) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 15852(c)(1)-(3)).

(c) In order to achieve the target set forth in section 1(a) of this memorandum, each agency shall ensure that the percentage of the total amount of electric energy consumed by that agency that is renewable energy is:

(i) not less than 10 percent in fiscal year 2015;

(ii) not less than 15 percent in fiscal years 2016 and 2017;

(iii) not less than 17.5 percent in fiscal years 2018 and 2019; and

(iv) not less than 20 percent in fiscal year 2020 and each fiscal year thereafter.

(d) For the purposes of accounting for the generation of renewable energy not included in section 1(b) of this memorandum, such as thermal and hydrokinetic renewable energy and renewable energy generated on a Federal facility or Federal

(e) In preparing Strategic Sustainability Performance Plans required under section 8 of Executive Order 13514, agencies shall report on:

- (i) progress towards meeting the agency renewable energy targets established in section 1(a) of this memorandum; and
- (ii) the actions taken pursuant to sections 1(b) and 2(d) of this memorandum.

(f) Within 180 days of the date of this memorandum, the Department of Energy will issue an update to its *Renewable Energy Requirement Guidance for EFACT 2005 and Executive Order 13423* to address the new requirements created by this memorandum.

Sec. 3. Building Performance and Energy Management. (a) To encourage continuous improvement and better manage building performance, enhance energy efficiency, and reduce energy waste in an open and transparent way, each agency shall:

- (i) install building energy meters and sub-meters as required by section 543(e) of the National Energy Conservation Policy Act (NECPA) (42 U.S.C. 8253(e)), and continue installation of additional building energy meters and sub-meters where cost-effective and appropriate;
- (ii) install water meters at agency buildings where cost-effective and appropriate;
- (iii) ensure that for any agency buildings metered for energy and water performance, the associated monthly performance data is entered into the EPA Energy Star Portfolio Manager to better manage energy performance and allow for benchmarking;
- (iv) publicly disclose annual benchmark energy performance data through the Department of Energy web-based tracking system established under section 543(f)(7)(B) of NECPA (42 U.S.C. 8253(f)(7)(B));
- (v) where feasible, incorporate Green Button into reporting, data analytics and automation, and processes, in consultation with local utilities; and
- (vi) consider participating in demand response programs where available.

(b) To facilitate agency management of energy usage information in Green Button:

- (i) within 120 days of the date of this memorandum, the General Services Administration (GSA) in

(ii) within 180 days of initiation of the Green Button pilot strategy described in paragraph (i) of this subsection, DOE, through the Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP), in coordination with EPA, shall issue guidance on the use of the Green Button at Federal facilities; and

(iii) as soon as practicable, but no later than 1 year after the date of this memorandum, EPA shall update Energy Star Portfolio Manager to facilitate the inclusion of building energy usage data using Green Button and in conformance with the guidance prepared pursuant to paragraph (ii) of this subsection.

(c) To support agency metering and benchmarking, and to promote disclosure of agency building energy usage, within 180 days of the date of this memorandum, DOE, through FEMP, shall:

(i) revise and update the *Metering Best Practices* of August 2011, which shall include definitions for the terms "cost effective" and "appropriate" and shall address leased space so that, where submetering allows, energy and water consumption data will be reported; and

(ii) in coordination with EPA, revise and update the *Building Energy Use Benchmarking Guidance* of April 15, 2010, including necessary revisions to benchmark building performance data fields and disclosure policies.

Sec. 4. Applicability of Renewable Energy Certificates to Federal Target. Within 120 days of the date of this memorandum, DOE, through FEMP, and in coordination with the EPA, the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs, GSA, and other agencies as appropriate, shall provide recommendations to the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality on procurement, reporting, and accounting procedures related to agency use of renewable energy certificates in meeting the target in section 1(a) of this memorandum, including procedures and policies on:

(a) appropriate certification and tracking of renewable energy certificates; and

(b) sale and purchase of renewable energy certificates, including the exchange of project-related renewable energy certificates and interagency and interdepartmental purchase and transfer of renewable energy certificates.

Sec. 5. Definitions. As used in this memorandum:

(a) "Agency" means an executive agency as defined in section 105 of title 5, United States Code, excluding the Government Accountability Office

(c) "Renewable energy" has the same meaning as in Executive Order 13514.

(d) "Renewable energy certificates" means the technology and environmental (non-energy) attributes that represent proof that 1 megawatt-hour (MWh) of electricity was generated from an eligible renewable energy resource, and can be sold separately from the underlying generic electricity with which it is associated.

(e) "Green Button data access system" or "Green Button" means the system developed by the North American Energy Standards Board for providing web-based secure access to energy bill account information, energy usage information, and energy consumption and usage data to customers of utilities and energy providers for the purposes of business management and energy usage management.

(f) "Hydrokinetic renewable energy" means renewable energy from free flowing water in rivers, lakes, and streams or free flowing water in man-made channels and does not include energy from any source that uses a dam, diversionary structure, or impoundment for electric power purposes.

(g) "Thermal renewable energy" means energy generated from renewable heat sources, including biomass, solar thermal, geothermal, waste heat, and combined heat and power processes.

(h) "Energy or water metering" means energy or water consumption recording for the purposes of billing by a utility company or energy or water management at an installation, campus, or building level, which conforms with established accuracy standards and uses utility-grade meters.

(i) "Sub-metering" means the application of metering technology to provide for capturing data at the level necessary to facilitate energy or water management at different buildings in a multi-building campus, different floors of the same building, different tenants in a multi-tenant office facility, individual building systems (e.g. heating and cooling, lighting, plug loads), electrical circuits, or specific devices.

Sec. 6. Limitations. (a) This memorandum shall apply to an agency with respect to the activities, personnel, resources, and facilities of the agency that are located within the United States. The head of an agency may provide that this memorandum shall apply in whole or in part with respect to the activities, personnel, resources, and facilities of the agency that are not located within the United States, if the head of the agency determines that such application is in the interest of the United States.

(b) The head of an agency shall manage activities, personnel, resources, and facilities of the agency that are not located within the United States, and with respect to which the head of the agency has not made a determination under

Sec. 7. Exemption Authority. (a) The Director of National Intelligence may exempt an intelligence activity of the United States, and related personnel, resources, and facilities, from the provisions of this memorandum, other than this subsection and section 8, to the extent the Director determines necessary to protect intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure.

(b) The head of an agency may exempt law enforcement activities of that agency, and related personnel, resources, and facilities, from the provisions of this memorandum, other than this subsection and section 8, to the extent the head of any agency determines necessary to protect undercover operations from unauthorized disclosure.

(c) The head of an agency may exempt particular agency activities and facilities from the provisions of this memorandum, other than this subsection and section 8, where it is in the interest of national security. If the head of any agency issues an exemption under this subsection, the agency must notify the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality in writing within 30 days of the issuance of the exemption. To the maximum extent practicable, and without compromising national security, each agency shall strive to comply with the purpose, goals, and implementation steps in this memorandum.

(d) The head of any agency may submit to the President, through the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality, a request for an exemption of any agency activity, and related personnel, resources, and facilities, from this memorandum.

Sec. 8. General Provisions. (a) This memorandum shall be implemented consistent with Executive Order 13514 and other applicable law, including international trade obligations, and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(b) Nothing in this memorandum shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

(i) the authority granted by law to a department, agency, or the head thereof; or

(ii) the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(c) Nothing in this memorandum shall be construed to require the disclosure of classified information, law enforcement sensitive information, or other information that must be protected in the interest of national security or public safety.

(d) This memorandum is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its

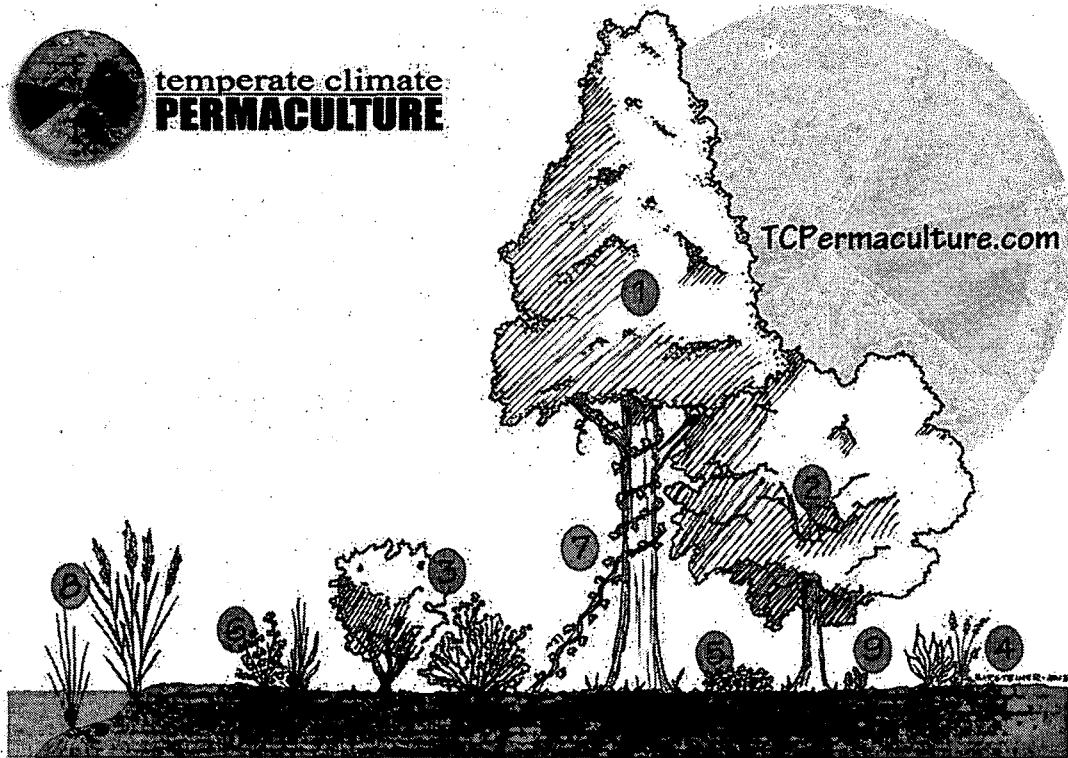
(e) The Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality is hereby authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

BARACK OBAMA

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Nine Layers of the Edible Forest Garden

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| 1. Canopy/Tall Tree Layer | 6. Underground Layer |
| 2. Sub-Canopy/Large Shrub Layer | 7. Vertical/Climber Layer |
| 3. Shrub Layer | 8. Aquatic/Wetland Layer |
| 4. Herbaceous Layer | 9. Mycelial/Fungal Layer |
| 5. Groundcover/Creeping Layer | |

Collaboration for Parcel 1972900159 19 acres Prospect & Tallevast

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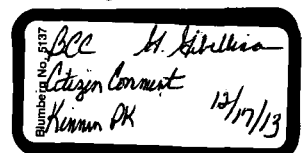
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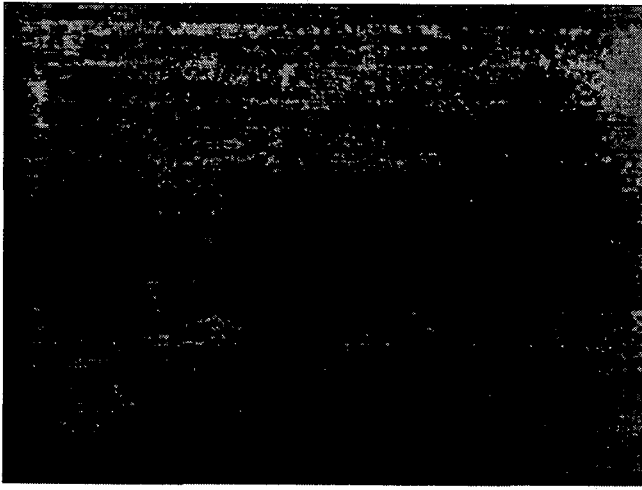
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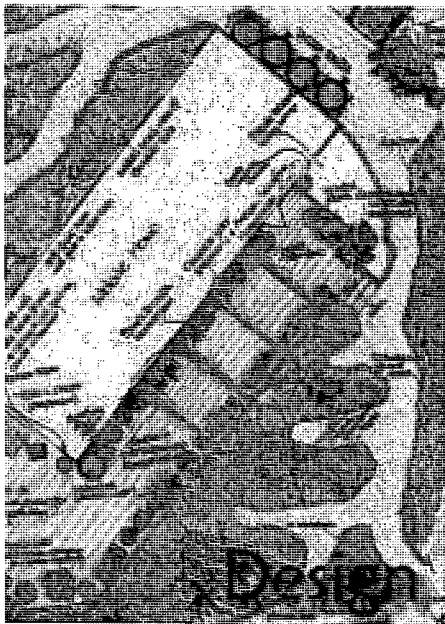
Citrus Grove

Get as many agencies, private, not for profit, corporate sponsorship and others involved to make this a success and benefit to the citizens of Manatee County





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What an opportunity to do better for our community.

Lets think outside of the box

A Permaculture Food Forest alone would enhance the quality of life for so many as well as an educational platform for Kinnan and other schools

Once it is set in motion it will provide years of fruits, vegetables, herbs, edible plants and so much more with little or no maintenance.

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Manatee County, use idle land to fight hunger

November 8, 2013

BRADENTON HERALD

LETTER TOT THE EDITOR

Feed the hungry in Manatee County; don't ask the county that they have been sitting on 19 acres of local prime farm land for over 10 years.

This property is located at Tallevast and Prospect roads behind Kinnan Elementary School (property ID 1972900159). For over 10 years this property could have been utilized much like the Geraldson community farm (20 acres) to the benefit of the citizens of Manatee County, yet the county did nothing in over 10 years.

In addition, the county taxes itself at "0." Not only did the citizens of Manatee not benefit in a productive way, not one red cent went into the coffers as well.

This property could have easily provided local produce for our schools and food banks. There needs to be more open collaboration between the county and businesses, schools, civic organizations and others who would have readily stepped up to the plate to use this property in a productive way.

I personally took a soil sample to the University of Florida extension office and the results came back with a pH of 6.41 -- ideal for farming vegetables and other crops.

Tens of thousands of healthy meals have slipped by the citizens for the last 10 years. Let's hope they will be doing something before the next 10 years.

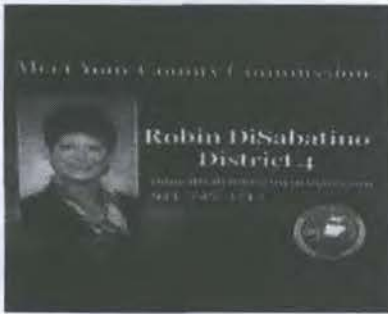
There is a great opportunity to move forward in a positive way. To fix the wrong, make it right with the taxpayers and citizens of Manatee County; it's the least the county can do after 10 years of doing nothing. We should expect more from our local government.

"The real cause of hunger is the powerlessness of the poor to gain access to the resources they need to feed themselves." -- Frances Moore Lappé

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Read more here: <http://www.bradenton.com/2013/11/08/4815458/manatee-county-use-idle-land-to.html#storylink=cpy>



New Pearce Community
Cultivators, Inc.

Oct 27, 2013

Re: Parcel 1972900159 19 acres <http://www.mymanatee.org/gisapps/mapviewer/index.jsp?searchtype=pid&searchvalue=1972900159>

Dear Robin,

I believe we as a community can do better with this property that the county owns. It has not been utilized for over 10 years. No taxes have been paid on it. It has not been a benefit to anyone for anything. Most folks would say "Why" I say "Why not".

I would like to meet with you and discuss the possibility of cultivating this property until the county decides to do something with it. This would make a great Permaculture farm model with positive impact on the land.

I have been in contact with local farmers, organic gardeners and private local non profit organizations in collaboration of a working model and business plan. I had spoken to the School Board last night on the possibility of providing fresh fruit and vegetables for our district from this piece of property. I will be meeting them as well. The key of course is the county.

Your thoughts and input would greatly be appreciated and perhaps we can get together for further discussion.

Keep the Faith,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glen Gibellina".

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*Great opportunities to help others seldom come,
but small ones surround us every day.
~Sally Koch*



2013 Workshop Sustainable Communities December 18, 2013

I'll be working the registration desk, hope to see you there

Please Save the Date for the 8th Annual Sustainable Communities Workshop, where the theme will be **“Investing in Our Future.”**

National experts and local leaders will share insights on both innovative practices for sustainability as well as collaborative ventures that maximize the benefits to the community and the businesses involved. Focal areas include alternative financing and economic development opportunities, sustainable transportation and eco-tourism.

Working together we can insure an economically viable, environmentally sound and socially responsible community and local economy both now and in the future. We invite you to add your voice to the conversation.

The workshop will be held from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 18, 2013 at the Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida Event and Conference Center.

Call 941-861-5000 and ask for the Sustainable Communities Workshop or email us at sustainablecommunities@scgov.net.

Submitted by Glen Gibellina December 17 2013



CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Do your comments refer to an item on today's agenda? NO YES

Item #: _____ CONSENT: NO YES

The Board of County Commissioners welcomes your comments. Your presentation will be limited to two (2) minutes. If appropriate, the matter(s) you present will be placed on a future commission agenda.

It is requested that you complete this form and return it to the receptionist prior to the beginning of the Citizens' Comments portion of the agenda.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (Home) _____

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Brief description of problem or concern:
