

## **North Regional Water Reclamation Facility Telemetry Tower Public Workshop**

October 21, 2019 6:00 pm  
Buffalo Creek Middle School Cafeteria  
Meeting Recap

The Public Workshop was held on Monday, October 21, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the Cafeteria at Buffalo Creek Middle School, 7320 69<sup>th</sup> St. E. Palmetto.

At 6:00 pm there were four individuals present with two additional individuals arriving shortly after the meeting began.

A brief description of the purpose of a telemetry tower was provided by Jeff Goodwin, Utilities Deputy Director. The description was followed by the factors necessitating the need for the relocation and size increase of the existing tower. The existing site and the proposed site were identified by Mr. Goodwin on the map that was on display on the easel at the front of the room.

Upon identification of the proposed site, one resident stated that it was a relief because there was initial confusion because the address listed in the notification received in the mail indicated the address as 8500 69<sup>th</sup> Street E., Palmetto, Florida 34221. Staff explained that there wasn't a specific address for the proposed site so the address for the plant was used. All present indicated that the proposed location did not pose any problems.

A question was posed to staff about any effects the tower would have on the residents. Staff responded that the tower should have no impacts on the residents. A follow-up question was asked about whether there would be any interference with cell phone reception. Staff indicated that to date, no issues with cell phone reception have been experienced at any location where Utilities owned telemetry towers exist. Residents were satisfied with this answer.

Issues of capacity and future build-out of the plant were discussed in generalities. There were no concerns but rather discussion was out of curiosity.

One item of interest for the residents present was the potential for connection to the wastewater system. Current conditions (i.e., location of closest gravity line) were discussed and possible scenarios through which connections might be made (new development adjacent to them, assessment, possible state funding, etc.).

The meeting concluded at approximately 6:35 pm when all residents left. Staff stayed until shortly after 7:00pm with no additional residents showing up.

