

**To:**

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From:

Nicole Wilson, Commissioner, District 1

Date:

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Subject:

Correction to Public Statement Regarding December 17, 2019 BCC Presentation, and Request for Board Discussion Regarding CFX Right-of-Way Acquisition of GreenPLACE Parcels

I am writing to formally request a correction to the recent public statement from Orange County that:

"Orange County Staff and CFX provided a presentation to the BCC on December 17, 2019, which showed that Eagles Roost was part of the preferred alignment for the Osceola Parkway Extension, now known as SR 534."

I was present at the December 17, 2019 meeting and do not recall any portion of the presentations identifying impacts to Eagles Roost Park or any intent to acquire right-of-way from Orange County GreenPLACE properties.

To verify my recollection, I reviewed the presentations made by Glen Pressimone and Beth Jackson at that meeting. Neither presentation included:

- A specific reference to parcels in Eagles Roost Park
- A depiction of project impacts to Eagles Roost Park
- Any identification of future right-of-way acquisition from Orange County GreenPLACE properties



On the contrary, Mr. Pressimone's presentation specified impacted acreage in Split Oak Forest as well as specific acreage offered in the proposed land swap. Ms. Jackson's presentation outlined the restoration efforts and management costs associated with Split Oak and the land swap acreage.

As part of Orange County's GreenPLACE program, Section 714 of the Orange County Charter applies to Eagles Roost Park and obligates the BCC to authorize any disposition or change by a supermajority vote.

The consequence of the County's recent statement is a false presumption of Board of County Commissioners' prior approval for impacts to Eagles Roost Park. This has now placed me in the position of having to appear before the Central Florida Expressway Authority to defend our GreenPLACE investment and the protections afforded under Section 714.

Given the public importance of this matter, I am requesting:

1. That the public statement be reviewed and corrected to reflect the actual content of the December 17, 2019 presentations.
2. That a Board discussion be scheduled to address CFX right-of-way acquisition efforts involving GreenPLACE parcels.

Public trust depends on accurately representing the record, especially when it concerns the potential loss or alteration of protected conservation land.

Sincerely,

Nicole Wilson
Commissioner, District 1
Orange County Board of County Commissioners