

SUPPORT YOUR SEPTIC LEGAL FUND!!

This information is important to all area septic tank owners!

The Markham Woods Association needs your financial contribution of \$50, \$75, \$100, or whatever higher or lower amount you can afford to fight on your behalf against unfair and unfounded new septic system rules on the verge of becoming law in the Wekiva Study Area (WSA). We and other homeowner groups in Orange and Seminole need to retain expert and high powered legal counsel to stop actions being taken now by the Department of Health (DOH) and Senator Lee Constantine!

Despite resolutions from both the Orange County and Seminole County Commissions, and from its own Advisory Boards (TRAP and RRAC,) the DOH is moving forward with new regulations requiring that you install an advanced septic system **costing** an average **\$20,000 when you sell your home**, remodel, or build a new home. The new systems also require the **use of electricity** and require that you pay frequent **new inspection fees**. The new rules will go into effect within the next 60 days unless legal action is taken or a State statute is passed to stop them. DOH claims conventional septic systems may be polluting the Wekiva River with nitrogen infiltration. But such **contentions are unscientific** and are widely debated. Many experts argue Florida's sandy soil filters most if not all nitrogen that leaves onsite septic drain fields. These experts say much further study is needed. Indeed, in 2008 the Florida Legislature approved new study before any new rules are to be enacted. But the DOH is moving forward with the new rules anyway. The Markham Woods Association and several other homeowner groups have followed this issue and **we feel the new rules are unfounded**.

In addition to DOH's actions, State Senator Lee Constantine has authored Senate Bill 274 which would extend DOH rules statewide. Many of your House and Senate representatives oppose Sen. Constantine's proposed bill but they need our ongoing support and possible legal efforts to stop it. Governor Crist has remained mute on the issue.

This issue is a very important one to all of us. Please give a generous contribution to this cause. Markham Woods Association pledges your dollars will be spent only on this issue. We will keep accurate and detailed records for your review. We cannot succeed without everyone's help! Please make checks payable to WSA Legal Fund and send to:

WSA Legal Fund
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Thank you.