

Dear Neighbors,

For the past seven years Gulf Gate residents have dedicated countless hours to delaying construction of 106 single family units on the former golf course, supporting County acquisition as an alternative. Our mutual goal was to have the County purchase the 49 acres for stormwater retention and preservation of green space as recommended by Drainage Basin Plans.

Regrettably, our efforts must now pivot to protecting the health and property of Gulf Gate residents. The developer, 13th Floor Homes, continues to pursue construction plans and it appears that the County has lost motivation for acquisition. Here is what has been done.

- * We have requested comment by Commissioner Neunder to verify that there is no forward movement for acquisition of the golf course and advise if there is a plan B for protecting Gulf Gate Estates from flood damage during this hurricane season.

- * We have sought advice from our attorney Ralf Brookes and Environmental Consultant, Sid Duque to review stormwater plans and the best protections for the community during construction activities.

- * We can learn from other communities about the issues that development caused and seek to prevent them. These include, contaminated dust, subsidence (sinkholes) and other foundation and property damage issues.

- * We can demand through communication and legal means protection for our residents' health and property as citizens of Sarasota County and the state of Florida.

- * You will find a map of the County Approved Site Plan. This plan was formulated in 2016 and approved and purchased by 13th Floor Homes in 2022. There are serious concerns which are evident. Roads and cul-de-sacs that back to our residents' backyards. We will begin discussions with the developer regarding mitigating issues affecting our quality of life.

Updates will be posted as we get more information. We know you have questions, send them to; president@ggcaboard.us.