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Date: 23 June 2006

To: Friends of Weedon Island, Inc.
Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve, Inc.

From: H. Bruce Rinker, Ph.D., Division Director 
Environmental Lands Division
Department of Environmental Management

RE: Weedon Island Preserve Pipeline Extension

As you may be aware, Progress Energy Florida intends to modify its Bartow Power Plant at Weedon Island to double its electric generating capacity and allow it to burn natural gas. Its renovations will be completed in 2008/2009. Toward that goal, Progress Energy Florida has reached an agreement with Gulfstream Natural Gas System (Palmetto, FL) to provide natural gas to the Bartow facility.

Gulfstream will host three "open houses" in the area to receive input from citizens and interested parties, one of which will be held at the Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center on Wednesday, 12 July 2006, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

The Bartow Power Plant and the Weedon Island Preserve have been long-standing neighbors. Please consider attending this "open house." Your questions and perspectives will be important during this period of public comment.

For your perusal, I've attached an explanatory letter from Mr. Albert R. Taylor, Gulfstream's Vice-President for Operations. Please note the following correction, however, if you wish to access the website for this Gulfstream project: <http://www.gulfstreamgas.com/phase4.htm>.

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