

LEGISLATIVE ALERT!

**THE STATE IS TRYING TO TAKE AWAY LOCAL CONTROL
OF LAND USE DENSITIES AND INTENSITIES (SB 2246)
AND ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING OF WETLANDS (SB
1376)
ON AGRICULTURAL LANDS!
THESE BILLS ARE IN THE SENATE
GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, APRIL 15TH AT 2:15 PM**

***PLEASE EMAIL SENATORS BELOW AND ASK
THEM TO VOTE "NO" ON SB 1376 AND SB 2246***

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SB 2246 was passed in the Ag Committee of the Senate two weeks ago and now is back for its second and final committee, the Senate's General Government Appropriations Committee. This bill is also known as the Ag Enclave bill allowing densities and intensities averaged over a 3 mile radius for ag lands surrounded by development on 75% of its borders. If the local government tried to interfere, it would be declared unduly burdensome and be slapped with a Bert Harris Act (property rights) lawsuit.

THEN AT THE SAME TIME IN THE COMMITTEE...

SB 1376, which passed last week in the Senate's Ag Committee, is also being heard. This bill prohibits local governments from regulating or enforcing wetlands on agricultural lands. This would eliminate our EPC oversight on ag lands in Hillsborough County. This bill also prohibits local governments from taxing certain ag lands for stormwater management. There goes 2/3 of all wetlands being protected by our EPC in Hillsborough County!

C4RG will be present at this committee hearing and welcome anyone who wants to join us. I am sure that the EPC will have someone represented...but it is OUR communities under attack. Let me know if anyone can attend.

THE NEXT STOP FOR BOTH OF THESE BILLS IS THE SENATE FLOOR FOR A VOTE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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General Government Appropriations Committee Members:

- **Chair:** Senator JD Alexander (R) : alexander.jd.web@flsenate.gov
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