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Stieford Creek

John Wodraska, Executive Director
South Florida Water Management District
P.O. Box 24680
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Dear Mr. Wodraska:

As you probably know, the Arch Creek Trust has long opposed the use of herbicides for the elimination of weeds, especially Duckweed, in Arch Creek.

We believe the only permanent solution to the problem is to retrofit the salt water retention dam in place so as to provide an overflow for the waters in the creek. This overflow during rains would eliminate the Duckweed problem in the creek. Heavier weeds could be removed manually once or twice a year. Heavy or large debris could also be removed manually.

We have had several meetings with your staff without any apparent results, and we have made one appearance before the Board. It seems your staff is sold on the use of chemical eradication and is unwilling to hear of any other approach. Our belief is that chemical eradication is harmful to natural vegetation on the creek and in the park, as well as being harmful to wildlife and fish in the creek.

In our estimation, an overflow is the final solution, along with manual removal of debris and heavier vegetation that may be a problem. We would appreciate your comments. We would also appreciate a meeting with you at your convenience either at your office or at Arch Creek Park.

Very truly yours,

ARCH CREEK TRUST INC.

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