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April 10, 2017

Colonel Jason A. Kirk
Commander
United States Army Corps of Engineers
701 San Marco Blvd.
Jacksonville, FL 32207-8175

Dear Colonel Kirk:

I would like to take this opportunity to respectfully bring a matter of serious concern to your attention regarding the Putnam County, Florida, public water supply infrastructure issue.

Putnam County, Florida, was issued a directive by the State of Florida to provide potable water access to a new community situated in an unincorporated region of the County. Unfortunately, the water system in proximity to the community is dilapidated and unfit to provide sufficient potable water to households. In addition, due to budget constraints, the County is not able to properly upgrade the central water supply infrastructure to provide the new households with potable water.

It has come to our attention that, under "Section 5061 East Central and Northeast Florida of the 2007 Water Resources Development Act," the Army Corps of Engineers is authorized to provide federal assistance to water supply and facilities projects in Putnam County, Florida. Attached is the provision included in the WRDA document.

Putnam County is in dire need of federal assistance to modernize our current outdated water system and properly extend water transmission lines from the main water supply system.

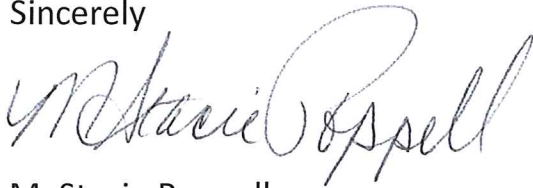
Situated along the St. Johns River, Putnam County, Florida, is a rural progressive community designated as a Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern by the State. Not only does Putnam County have one of the highest unemployment rates in the State of Florida, but any unexpected occurrence that prevents the economic growth of our economy is detrimental to the long-term sustainability of our community.

Your support and assistance in securing federal resources for the Putnam County Water Supply Infrastructure System Initiative would be greatly appreciated.

Should you have any questions, or would like to discuss this matter in greater detail, please feel free to contact Press Tompkins by telephone at (386) 329-0346, or via email at press.tompkins@putnam-fl.com.

I look forward to hearing from you or a representative of your staff.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Stacie Poppell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "M".

M. Stacie Poppell
Acting County Administrator