

Help Us Prepare for FDOT Open House – Stop the Sand Mine Planning & Update Meeting This Sunday, October 5

Stop the Sand Mine Planning for FDOT & Update Meeting

Date: Sunday, October 5

Time: 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Location: Pine Ridge Community Center

Dear Stop the Sand Mine Team,

We're coming together ahead of a key moment to **stand united**, **ask tough questions**, and **show the Florida Department of Transportation that we are paying attention** — and that our voices matter. The more organized and unified we are, the greater the impression we'll make.

Let's make sure FDOT knows:

The public is watching.

The aquifer matters.

The ERP and land use process cannot be bypassed.

We'll also use this Sunday's meeting to **bring everyone up to speed** on what's happening with the Southworth sand mine / borrow pit project — including the current status of the ERP application, the BOCC resolutions, the FDOT land transfer concerns, and more. A lot has happened.

Whether you're already deeply involved or just getting up to speed, this is a great opportunity to get informed and help shape our next steps.

This Sunday's meeting will help us:

- Prepare coordinated talking points and questions for the FDOT open house
 - Organize who will attend and speak
 - Create signage or handouts, if needed
 - Ensure our message is calm, professional, and impactful
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What We Know About the FDOT Open House

This event will be an “**informal open house**,” but we intend to make a **unified and visible impression**. The **FDOT project manager (Anil)** is expected to be present, and this is a key opportunity to ask informed questions and express concerns — especially about how the **Suncoast Parkway extension** may relate to the **Southworth sand mine / borrow pit project**.

FDOT Open House Details

Date: Thursday, October 9

Time: 5:30 – 7:30 PM

**Location: Lecanto Government Building
3600 W Sovereign Path, Lecanto, FL 34461**

We encourage everyone attending to **wear an ocean blue shirt** to show unity and highlight our message: **protect our aquifer and springs**.

Let's make sure FDOT — and everyone else — knows:

The public is informed. The science is clear. And the land use process cannot be bypassed.

Thank you all for standing up for our water, our community, and our future.

In solidarity,
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