

Hi everyone,

First, thank you very much to those who attended our recent meeting and asked thoughtful, informed questions! Your engagement matters, and your support, including recent donations, is deeply appreciated! Funds will be used carefully and strategically as we continue this effort.

Here is the latest development:

The private Southworth ERP application has officially been withdrawn.

However, FDOT has now filed a new Individual Environmental Resource Permit application titled:

“Suncoast Parkway 2 Eastern Borrow Site” — ERP Permit No. 935264.

Key details from the District portal:

- Application received February 17, 2026
- Listed as an Individual ERP (not a minor revision)
- Project size under review: approximately 345 acres
- Total acres listed as owned/controlled: 894 acres
- Located in Sections 11 & 12 (same area as the prior Southworth proposal), plus Section 1
- Current status: Incomplete (under initial review)

What this means:

The proposed excavation has now been folded into the Suncoast Parkway corridor permit process under FDOT.

It is not approved.
It is not complete.
It is under review.

The District has until March 18 to determine whether additional information is required or whether the application will be deemed complete.

What happens next:

If deemed complete, there will be a formal public notice period and opportunities for written comments. We will review technical documents as soon as portal access is restored.

What you can do right now:

- Stay informed, we will provide updates as documents become available.
- Do not speculate publicly, stick to verified facts.
- Share accurate information only.
- If you have hydrogeology, engineering, or permitting expertise and are willing to review documents, please contact us.
- Continue respectful conversations in the community.
- If you are tech-savvy and able to assist with website updates, please reach out.

This is not a time to step back.

This is a time when:

- Numbers matter
- Comments matter
- Public visibility matters

Together, informed and organized voices make a measurable difference.

This is not over.

It has shifted.

We are actively reviewing and preparing.

Thank you again for your continued support and engagement. We will move forward thoughtfully, strategically, and factually.

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