

RESOLUTION 2011-69

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE D'OLIVE CREEK, TIAWASEE CREEK AND JOE'S BRANCH WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan for D'Olive Creek, Tiawasee Creek and Joe's Branch Watersheds of Baldwin County, Alabama (D'Olive Watershed) was prepared by the cities of Spanish Fort and Daphne, Baldwin County, Lake Forest Property Owners Association, and other concerned community leaders with interest in the long-term viability of this area. In agreement with the spirit and goals of this plan, and acknowledging the environmental and economic importance and value of this watershed, a call for intergovernmental cooperation is necessary to successfully achieve this restoration and conservation program.

Whereas, the D'Olive Creek, Tiawasee Creek, and Joe's Branch Watershed located on the Eastern Shore of Mobile Bay and including portions of the Cities of Daphne and Spanish Fort, and part of the unincorporated area of Baldwin County, Alabama drains 7,700 acres and contributes to the health and vitality of its receiving waters in Mobile Bay, and

Whereas the landscape of this Watershed includes steep and rugged terrain with 23 miles of streams running through highly erodible soil types receiving, on average, five and a half feet of precipitation, annually, and

Whereas the landscape of this Watershed has undergone extensive commercial and residential development since the 1970s, and

Whereas conversion of the natural landscape to impervious cover has caused increases in volume and velocity of stormwater runoff in this watershed resulting in increased flooding, channel erosion, degraded habitats and infrastructure, and deteriorated water quality in its tributaries and creeks ultimately transporting non-point source pollution and sediment into Mobile Bay, and

Whereas five streams in this Watershed – D'Olive Creek, Tiawasee Creek, Joe's Branch, and unnamed tributaries to D'Olive and Tiawasee Creek – are listed on the 2010 Alabama 303(d) list for impairment by siltation caused by changing land uses, and

Whereas of the 23 miles of streams in this Watershed, two miles have been currently substantially degraded, four miles are currently undergoing degradation, and six face potential degradation, and

Whereas, a Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan for the D'Olive Creek, Tiawasee Creek, and Joe's Branch Watersheds, co-funded by the Baldwin County, the Cities of Daphne and Spanish Fort, Lake Forest Property Owners Association, Alabama Department of Environmental Management, Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium, Mobile Bay National Estuary Program, and Alabama Power, and completed in August, 2010, provides evaluations of problems within this watershed and recommends conceptual corrective measures to address them,

Now, therefore be it resolved by the legislative body of the City of Daphne, Alabama that it endorses the Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan for the D'Olive Creek, Tiawasee Creek, and Joe's Branch Watersheds, and

Be it Further resolved that the City of Daphne willingly and in full support, agrees to participate on the D'Olive Watershed Restoration Task Force to focus on implementation of specific measures and actions contained in the watershed management plan; and

Be it Further resolved that the Mayor of the City of Daphne or his/her designated City Council Representative will be an active member of the D'Olive Watershed Restoration Task Force.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 10th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2011.

**CITY OF DAPHNE, ALABAMA
AN ALABAMA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**

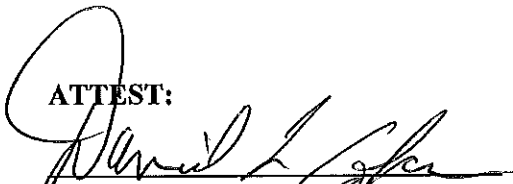


**CATHY S. BARNETTE,
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**



**FRED SMALL,
MAYOR**

ATTEST:


**DAVID L. COHEN,
CITY CLERK, MMC**