



Saved. For now.

Ponte Vedra Corporation cancelled its September 17th public hearing, unlikely to have garnered the three County Commissioner votes needed to take 100 acres of conservation land one step closer to being developed. Hundreds of people were prepared to show up at the hearing opposing development. Their actions leading to that day made a difference.

They wrote thousands of emails to county officials. They made a record showing at the August PZA Board hearing where dozens gave compelling public comments. They stuck yard signs in their yards, bumper stickers on their cars, and gave generously to Save Guana Now to help fund the experts and attorneys needed to win this fight.

According to the withdrawal letter from the president of Gate Lands, of which Ponte Vedra Corporation is a subsidiary, the company will now argue that the Comprehensive Plan does not need to be changed for the property to be rezoned, and residential zoning will still be pursued for this land that's 97%

surrounded by the only National Estuarine Research Reserve on Florida's east coast. Their proposed "Vista Tranquila" development is the poster child for incompatibility.

Save Guana Now will remain vigilant and continue to stand up for the wildlife of Guana including the Great Egret and over 300 other bird species sighted in the surrounding preserve. We will also stand up for the water quality of Guana River that is shown to be suffering from nutrient pollution and is likely to be declared impaired. Our river needs no more lawn chemicals and other contaminants flowing into it. And we will stand up for the 74 acres of uplands, mostly comprised of closed-canopy hammock that is rare on our coastline.

If we can't save this environmentally sensitive land for future generations, then how do we explain to our children and grandchildren that 66 homes were more important? Please stand with us. Join our cause. Visit our website to learn more. And donate, if you can.

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