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To Columbia County Commissioners:

Public Comment on revisions to Comp. plan and zoning ordinance wetland rules TA 22-02, PA 22-02.
Include as testimony for your consideration.

Please consider landowners when revising existing wetland rules. Allowing construction in floodplains lead to hardship due to flooding of homes and buildings. People downstream of channelized waterways bear the brunt of high water being forced downstream. Non-functioning former wetlands may not be important, but functioning wetlands are needed to protecting human dwellings and preventing water pollution.

Many counties and states are increasing waterway buffers and moving people out of wetlands. We should not rush in the opposite direction.

Well-functioning waterways and floodplains benefit people as well ecosystems. It's harmful and costly to the majority to allow development where it does not belong. The consequences of any rule changes that allows building on functioning wetlands or channeling of small waterways, even seasonal streams or wetlands, must be taken seriously.

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