

# Keep it Rural

## The Issue

Miccosukee Road is an old canopy road with huge trees forming a beautiful canopy along its entire length. This road front is protected from development. The Crump and Miccosukee intersection sits at the end of the eight mile long Miccosukee Greenway – a beautiful rural park that connects into the city of Tallahassee, many miles away. Along Crump Rd. are crop fields, houses with large yards, horse farms, sod farms and miles of frontage of the Welaunee Plantation pine forest. A permit for a large gas station and convenience store near the intersection of Crump and Miccosukee Roads in Leon County has just been approved! This proposed development for a gas station is the first and only one that has been submitted for permitting in the rural area since the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan in 1992. The design is for a large station with seven pumps and a 3000 square foot convenience store. In addition, there is an impervious area exceeding 26,000 sq. ft. – more than half an acre of asphalt and pavement!

## The Impact of the Decision

If this station's permit is not challenged and appealed, there are over fifty other rural hot spots in Leon County where this sort of unwanted and entirely inappropriate development may occur. This case will set a precedent, paving the way for other developers to change, even destroy, the nature of our county's rural landscape. The very spot where the Crump Road gas station would reside is sacred farm land. The humble house of Adlai Stevenson "Jack" Crump or whom this road was named sits on this property. The proposed site is also within five hundred feet of the Miccosukee Canopy Road--one of Leon County's treasured jewels and natural wonders. If it can happen here, it can happen anywhere in our county. Citizens countywide must band together and not allow this to happen.

## Keep It Rural is here to fight and protect

As soon as this business proposal began its permitting process, Keep it Rural organizers activated the community, packed the hearings, held rallies, informed the press, lobbied the Leon County commissioners and the county's permitting officials. We printed fliers, petitioned neighbors, and spread the word. The response has been overwhelmingly powerful. But now is the time for even more conviction. Your Keep it Rural organizers (a core group of a half-dozen average citizens) have personally contributed over \$10,000 to begin the appeal, but much more is needed. We have retained a top-shelf land use attorney, and we have filed the initial appeal. We need your support. Documents, forms, filings, and deadlines must be done exactly as required by law. Expert witnesses will be necessary to dispute the county staff's interpretation and application of law. All of this comes with a price, and the process is extensive. It involves rulings by a Special Master (similar to an Administrative Judge), the Board of County Commissioners (BCC), and possibly the Circuit court. All of these are separate hearings. That's why Keep it Rural is asking you to pitch in and save the sacred nature of our rural landscape.

## Other Ways You Can Help

- Spread the word with your social media! Encourage your network to donate!
- Attend and bring your friends and family to the Keep it Rural Father's Day fundraiser on June 15th, 2014 at the American Legion Hall from 2:00 pm-6:30 pm.
- Donate or collect items, services, artwork for the silent auction for our Keep it Rural Father's Day celebration.
- Be a Keep it Rural volunteer!

- Contribute what you can!  
Send and make checks out to:  
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