



Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners
Department of Environmental Resources Management

Groundwater and Natural Resources Protection Board

The Groundwater and Natural Resources Protection Board (GNRPB) holds hearings as necessary, typically bimonthly, to enforce environmental regulations found in Palm Beach County's Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) and various County Ordinances. The GNRPB is comprised of 7 members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. Membership consists of a professional engineer registered in the State of Florida, an attorney licensed to practice in Florida, a hydrologist, a biologist or a chemist, a concerned citizen and a member of an environmental organization. (Authority ULDC, Article 17, Decision Making Bodies Chapter C Section 6)

The GNRPB has the powers and duties to adopt rules of procedure; issue subpoenas; take testimony under oath; issue orders having the force of law commanding whatever steps necessary to achieve compliance with violations; lien property; and, access administrative fines and penalties. (Authority ULDC, Article 10, Enforcement)

The GNRPB supports the following ULDC Articles and County Ordinances:

Article 14.A, Sea Turtle Protection and Sand Preservation

Article 14.B, Wellfield Protection

Article 14.C, Protection of Native Vegetation, as amended by Ordinance 2008-040

Article 14.D, Prohibited Invasive Non-Native Vegetation Removal, as amended by Ordinance 2008-040

Article 4.D, Excavation, as amended by Ordinance 2008-037

Ordinance 2004-050 Stormwater Pollution Prevention

Ordinance 93-030 Water and Irrigation Conservation

Ordinance 2003-020 Petroleum Storage Tank Systems

Ordinance 2009-018 Petroleum Contamination Cleanup Criteria

The GNRPB is required to adhere to the Absenteeism Policy as defined in Resolution R2002-1606 for Boards and Committees. A board member shall be automatically removed for lack of attendance, which is defined as failure to attend 3 consecutive meetings or at least 2/3 of the meetings scheduled during a calendar year. Participation for less than 3/4 of a meeting constitutes an absence.