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Old Miakka community devoted to way of life

I appreciate your coverage of the housing development threat to the historic Old Miakka community.

As a part of the 1970s Back to the Land Movement, I lived in Old Miakka for 13 years in the late '70s and throughout the '80s. My memories of the community will always include the goodness of the people. They are dedicated to their rural way of life and to each other.

When I had a mechanical or handyman-type problem that I needed help with and struggled to afford, neighbors (who could be from miles away) would come and help out, then refuse to take anything in exchange.

As a young country wannabe, that was my introduction to the best part of the country way of life.

To citizens weary of overdevelopment and to every voter, it should be maddening that it is even under consideration to stick a big housing development on the edge of this rural community. Besides the damage to Old Miakka, we're talking about 15 miles outside of town.

Talk about the epitome of urban sprawl. What happened to the urban-rural boundary we were promised for so long?

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