

WHEREAS, the precise locations of proposed recharge wetlands and the long-term monitoring, liability, and remediation framework have not been fully disclosed or evaluated in coordination with the Town of
Branford; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Branford has a statutory responsibility to safeguard the health, safety, natural resources, and economic stability of the residents of the Town of Branford;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BRANFORD IN SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

1. The Town of Branford formally opposes the WFNF pipeline project as currently proposed due to unresolved environmental, public health, and economic concerns.
2. The Town of Branford calls for an immediate moratorium on planning, surveying, permitting, funding disbursement, land acquisition, or construction activities related to the WFNF project within or affecting the Town of Branford until:
 - (a) Independent, peer-reviewed environmental and hydrogeologic impact studies are completed;
 - (b) Public health risk assessments are conducted;
 - (c) Economic impact analyses are completed; and
 - (d) Pilot recharge testing and long-term monitoring protocols are publicly evaluated.
3. The Town of Branford urges the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Suwannee River Water Management District, the St. Johns River Water Management District, and the Florida Legislature to withhold further permits, approvals, or funding until the above conditions are satisfied and to consider alternative water management strategies, including reduction of groundwater withdrawals in urban source regions and localized recharge or conservation measures.
4. The Town of Branford invites neighboring towns/cities, including Fort White, and Mayo, to adopt similar resolutions and coordinate intergovernmental engagement in any related regulatory or administrative proceedings.