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City and County Recognize 2006 Watershed Champions

Today at the Watershed Management Policy Board Meeting held at 2:30 p.m. in the Tallahassee Room of City Hall, Leon County and the City of Tallahassee will present awards to three local citizens who have made tireless efforts to protect the waters of Tallahassee-Leon County. The watershed champions being recognized today are: Dr. Joe Barnett, Nancy Miller and George E. Lewis, II. Each of the Champions will be presented with a plaque and will be featured on a video to be shown at the meeting, which highlights the efforts and accomplishments of the Watershed Champions.

The Watershed Champion Award recognizes individuals and groups that have a passion for, and commitment to, protecting area lakes and natural resources. Watershed Champions have displayed characteristics that range from debris collection around bodies of water, water resource monitoring, modeling wise water practices in their own lives and advocating strong policies at the local and state levels, and educating citizens on the importance of water resources. In order to identify the Watershed Champion for 2006, letters and applications for nominations were mailed to over 600 community organizations and 25 environmental organizations. The three winners were chosen from the nominations received from the public and organizations.

The Watershed Management Policy Boards is led by representatives from the City and County Commissions, along with professionals in the field and water quality advocates. City Commission Debbie Lightsey is the current chair and County Commissioner Cliff Thael is the vice chair. The Policy Board recognizes the three winners for doing their part in the protection of our community's watersheds and basins by bringing awareness to my family, friends, and neighbors in order to ensure clean water for tomorrow.

Citizens interested in finding out more about how they can protect area waterways and lakes can check out the Policy Board's Web site at www.protectyourwater.org.

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