



Summary Results of the June 27, 2009 Community Workshop

The first Community Workshop took place at the Loxahatchee Groves Town Hall on June 27, 2009 and included several interested residents and stakeholders. The workshop covered six specific topics of interest to the Town's residents and stakeholders. As well, the workshop included an open category for residents and stakeholders to provide other topics of interest that were not covered in the specific topic areas. Each topic asked participants to rank the importance of regulating the topic. Other questions generally asked for each topic was why it was important to regulate the topic and how closely the topic should be regulated, if at all. The questions generally provided multiple choice options as well as space for participants to make their own suggestions.

This document provides a summary of the responses received from participants at the June 27th workshop. If you have any questions or comments regarding these summary results, or if you would like more information about the workshop, please contact the Town Clerk at 561.793.2418 or via email at clerk@loxahatcheegroves.org.

Given the option to regulate or not regulate the items presented below, you generally chose to regulate. Of the six specific topics (outdoor animal housing, large scale events, manure dumping and mulching, and wholesale and retail nurseries), you generally found them important to regulate.

Outdoor Animal Housing

- 73 percent of you think regulating outdoor animal housing, such as outdoor dog kennels and exotic bird aviaries, is very important to important.
- You think it is important to regulate outdoor animal housing for a variety of reasons, the following is a breakdown:
 - 90 percent of you think it is important to regulate outdoor animal housing for noise reasons
 - 63 percent of you think it is important to regulate outdoor animal housing for smell reasons
 - 50 percent of you think it is important to regulate outdoor animal housing for health reasons
 - 43 percent of you think it is important to regulate outdoor animal housing for safety reasons
 - 25 percent of you think it is important to regulate outdoor animal housing for traffic reasons
 - 33 percent of you think it is important to regulate outdoor animal housing for some other reason, including but not limited to lighting, water contamination and neighborhood impact
- 45 percent of you think that outdoor animal housing should be regulated closely and 33 percent of you think it should be regulated on a case-by-case basis, subject to objective criteria.
- Many of you commented that noise related to outdoor animal housing should be specifically regulated in some way, be it an ordinance, buffers, setbacks or another form of regulation. Other suggestions included animal housing to be inside a building or enclosed structure and regulating the type of animal.

Large Scale Events

- 66 percent of you think regulating large scale events, such as big parties, equestrian shows and the like, is very important to important.
- You think it is important to regulate large scale events for a variety of reasons, the following is a breakdown:
 - 76 percent of you think it is important to regulate large scale events for noise reasons
 - 68 percent of you think it is important to regulate large scale events for traffic reasons
 - 59 percent of you think it is important to regulate large scale events for safety reasons
 - 27 percent of you think it is important to regulate large scale events for health reasons
 - 17 percent of you think it is important to regulate large scale events for smell reasons
 - 15 percent of you think it is important to regulate large scale events for some other reason, including but not limited to music and lighting
- 56 percent of you think that large scale events should be regulated closely and 37 percent of you think they should be regulated on a case-by-case basis, subject to objective criteria.
- Other remarks addressed frequency of large scale events and requiring a permit for large scale events.

Manure Dumping & Mulching

- 66 percent of you think regulating manure dumping and mulching is very important to important.
- You think it is important to regulate manure dumping and mulching for a variety of reasons, the following is a breakdown:
 - 74 percent of you think it is important to regulate manure dumping and mulching for smell reasons
 - 63 percent of you think it is important to regulate manure dumping and mulching for health reasons
 - 42 percent of you think it is important to regulate manure dumping and mulching for safety reasons
 - 37 percent of you think it is important to regulate manure dumping and mulching for traffic reasons
 - 29 percent of you think it is important to regulate manure dumping and mulching for noise reasons
 - 42 percent of you think it is important to regulate manure dumping and mulching for some other reason, including but not limited water, pollution and drainage
- Some of you chose to distinguish between manure dumping and mulching on the survey forms, only selecting responses for one of the two combined topics or responding to both individually. As such, these responses were catalogued separately, as the intent was to address both topics together. Of the responses primarily concerned with manure dumping, it is noted that it is generally thought to be very important to regulate manure dumping closely, mostly for reasons of health, safety and smell. Of the responses primarily concerned with mulching, it is noted that it is generally thought to be important to regulate mulching closely, mostly for reasons of noise, traffic and safety.

- 45 percent of you think that manure dumping and mulching should be regulated closely and 16 percent of you think it should be regulated on a case-by-case basis, subject to objective criteria.
- Other remarks suggested involving the Town for requests and notifications, creating a management plan and prohibiting stock piling.

Business Operation

- There are a variety of businesses operating in Loxahatchee Groves, even though they are not permitted in the Code, 68 percent of you think regulating the ability of these businesses to continue operating is very important to important.
- There are several options the Town has to address businesses that are not permitted by the Code, of these options:
 - 61 percent of you think the Town should make each one apply to continue to operate and determine on a case by case basis (subject to objective criteria) (conditional use in zoning code)
 - 27 percent of you think the Town should make each one apply to continue to operate and determine on a case by case basis (subject to objective criteria) and, if approved, require them to apply for the appropriate land use and zoning designation
 - 5 percent of you think the Town should consider them not legal, and give them some reasonable amount of time to cease operation
 - 5 percent of you think the Town should make all of them legal and allow them to continue as is
 - Zero percent of you think the Town should consider them not legal, and order them to stop operating right away
 - 39 percent of you either think the Town should address these businesses in some other fashion or you think the Town should address these businesses in some manner stated above but have also provided additional regulatory considerations. Suggestions include but are not limited to grandfathering existing businesses, however, said businesses are nontransferable in ownership or land ownership changes; ensuring proper licenses and fees are accounted for; and conducting inspections to ensure compliance with regulations, however, provide timeframe for businesses to comply.

Wholesale Nurseries (sell in quantities – not open to the general public)

LARGE SCALE

- 35 percent of you think regulating the location of large scale wholesale nurseries is very important to important and 35 percent of you think it is somewhat important.
- You think it is important to regulate the location of large scale wholesale nurseries for a variety of reasons, the following is a breakdown:
 - 48 percent of you think it is important to regulate the location of large scale wholesale nurseries for traffic reasons
 - 33 percent of you think it is important to regulate the location of large scale wholesale nurseries for health reasons

- 30 percent of you think it is important to regulate the location of large scale wholesale nurseries for safety reasons
- 23 percent of you think it is important to regulate the location of large scale wholesale nurseries for noise reasons
- 10 percent of you think it is important to regulate the location of large scale wholesale nurseries for smell reasons
- 38 percent of you think it is important to regulate the location of large scale wholesale nurseries for some other reason, including but not limited to lighting, pollution and drainage. Some of you also commented that the state regulates nurseries.
- 48 percent of you think the location of large scale wholesale nurseries should be regulated on a case-by-case basis, subject to objective criteria and 18 percent of you think the location should be regulated closely. Whereas, 33 percent of you think the location of large scale wholesale nurseries should not be regulated.
- When asked how many workers make a wholesale nursery “large scale,” approximately 21 percent of you responded with 15 workers. The breakdown of all responses is in the table below. It is also noted that some of you commented that workman’s compensation law defines a small business as a business having less than 5 employees.

Number of workers that you think make a wholesale nursery large scale	Percent of participants that voted for corresponding number of workers
15	20.6%
10	17.2%
6	14%
16	7%
20	7%
50	7%
80	7%
5	3.4%
8	3.4%
11	3.4%
19	3.4%
25	3.4%
40	3.4%

- When asked how many commercial trucks make a wholesale nursery “large scale,” approximately 29 percent of you responded with 3 commercial trucks. The breakdown of all responses is in the table below.

Number of commercial trucks that you think make a wholesale nursery large scale	Percent of participants that voted for corresponding number of commercial trucks
3	28.5%
5	17.9%
10	17.9%
4	7.1%
6	7.1%
20	7.1%

15		3.6%
16		3.6%
25		3.6%
50		3.6%

SMALL SCALE

- 15 percent of you think regulating the location of small scale wholesale nurseries is very important to important, 18 percent of you think it is somewhat important and 48 percent of you do not think it is important to regulate the location of small scale wholesale nurseries.
- You think it is important to regulate the location of small scale wholesale nurseries for a variety of reasons, the following is a breakdown:
 - 30 percent of you think it is important to regulate the location of small scale wholesale nurseries for health reasons
 - 30 percent of you think it is important to regulate the location of small scale wholesale nurseries for safety reasons
 - 28 percent of you think it is important to regulate the location of small scale wholesale nurseries for traffic reasons
 - 18 percent of you think it is important to regulate the location of small scale wholesale nurseries for noise reasons
 - 13 percent of you think it is important to regulate the location of small scale wholesale nurseries for smell reasons
 - 28 percent of you think it is important to regulate the location of small scale wholesale nurseries for some other reason, including but not limited to loss of habitat and lighting
- 35 percent of you think the location of small scale wholesale nurseries should be regulated on a case-by-case basis, subject to objective criteria and 3 percent of you think the location should be regulated closely. Whereas, 45 percent of you think the location of small scale wholesale nurseries should not be regulated.
- When asked how many workers make a wholesale nursery “small scale,” approximately 35 percent of you responded with 4 workers, the breakdown of all responses is as follows:

Number of workers that you think make a wholesale nursery small scale	Percent of participants that voted for corresponding number of workers
4	34.6%
3	15.4%
5	11.5%
10	11.5%
2	8%
9	3.8%
14	3.8%
15	3.8%
50	3.8%
79	3.8%

- When asked how many commercial trucks make a wholesale nursery “small scale,” approximately 28 percent of you responded with 2 commercial trucks, the breakdown of all responses is as follows:

Number of commercial trucks that you think make a wholesale nursery small scale	Percent of participants that voted for corresponding number of commercial trucks
2	28%
1	20%
3	20%
5	12%
4	8%
10	8%
19	4%

Retail Nurseries (sell in small quantities – open to the general public)

LARGE SCALE

- 50 percent of you think regulating the location of large scale retail nurseries is very important to important and 37 percent of you think it is somewhat important.
- You think it is important to regulate the location of large scale retail nurseries for a variety of reasons, the following is a breakdown:
 - 76 percent of you think it is important to regulate the location of large scale retail nurseries for traffic reasons
 - 42 percent of you think it is important to regulate the location of large scale retail nurseries for safety reasons
 - 34 percent of you think it is important to regulate the location of large scale retail nurseries for noise reasons
 - 29 percent of you think it is important to regulate the location of large scale retail nurseries for health reasons
 - 16 percent of you think it is important to regulate the location of large scale retail nurseries for smell reasons
 - 39 percent of you think it is important to regulate the location of large scale retail nurseries for some other reason, including but not limited to lighting and hours of operation
- 47 percent of you think the location of large scale retail nurseries should be regulated on a case-by-case basis, subject to objective criteria and 24 percent of you think the location should be regulated closely. Whereas, 18 percent of you think the location of large scale retail nurseries should not be regulated.
- When asked how many workers make a retail nursery “large scale,” approximately 22 percent of you responded with 10 workers. The breakdown of all responses is in the table below.

Number of workers that you think make a retail nursery large scale	Percent of participants that voted for corresponding number of workers
10	21.5%
15	14.3%
5	10.7%

6	7.1%
20	7.1%
25	7.1%
50	7.1%
75	7.1%
8	3.6%
21	3.6%
30	3.6%
40	3.6%
72	3.6%

- When asked how many commercial trucks make a retail nursery “large scale,” approximately 26 percent of you responded with 5 commercial trucks. The breakdown of all responses is in the table below.

Number of commercial trucks that you think make a retail nursery large scale	Percent of participants that voted for corresponding number of commercial trucks
5	26%
10	18.5%
3	11.1%
4	11.1%
15	7.4%
20	7.4%
2	3.7%
12	3.7%
50	3.7%
72	3.7%
73	3.7%

SMALL SCALE

- 26 percent of you think regulating the location of small scale retail nurseries is very important to important and 37 percent of you think it is somewhat important to regulate.
- You think it is important to regulate the location of small scale retail nurseries for a variety of reasons, the following is a breakdown:
 - 66 percent of you think it is important to regulate the location of small scale retail nurseries for traffic reasons
 - 45 percent of you think it is important to regulate the location of small scale retail nurseries for safety reasons
 - 29 percent of you think it is important to regulate the location of small scale retail nurseries for health reasons
 - 24 percent of you think it is important to regulate the location of small scale retail nurseries for noise reasons
 - 16 percent of you think it is important to regulate the location of small scale retail nurseries for smell reasons

- 39 percent of you think it is important to regulate the location of small scale retail nurseries for some other reason, including but not limited lighting and environmental concerns
- 39 percent of you think the location of small scale retail nurseries should be regulated on a case-by-case basis, subject to objective criteria and 11 percent of you think the location should be regulated closely. Whereas, 24 percent of you think the location of small scale retail nurseries should not be regulated.
- When asked how many workers make a retail nursery “small scale,” your top three answers were 3, 4 and 5 workers, each representing 20 percent of the responses. The breakdown of all responses is as follows:

Number of workers that you think make a retail nursery small scale	Percent of participants that voted for corresponding number of workers
3	20%
4	20%
5	20%
2	12%
10	8%
6	4%
9	4%
14	4%
19	4%
20	4%

- When asked how many commercial trucks make a retail nursery “small scale,” approximately 33 percent of you responded with 2 commercial trucks, the breakdown of all responses is as follows:

Number of commercial trucks that you think make a retail nursery small scale	Percent of participants that voted for corresponding number of commercial trucks
2	33.3%
1	25%
4	12.5%
10	12.5%
5	8.3%
3	4.2%
9	4.2%

Other Topics

- When asked if you would like to address any other topics, (besides animal housing, large scale events, business operation, wholesale and retail nurseries, and manure dumping and mulching), 92 percent of you responded in the affirmative.
- Of the topics you provided, 61 percent are ranked as very important to important to regulate. Additionally, many of the topics can be categorized into sustainable and green building, land development, housing issues, day laborers, and home-based businesses.