

## **Answer to water quality lies in limiting growth**

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I empathize with David Kendrick of Bluffton and his situation concerning rising water in Verdier Cove. In the same article, the writer said studies have attributed high fecal coliform bacteria in local waterways largely to increased development in the area. Well, hello. What part of this sentence do officials in Bluffton not understand? When will they impose a cap on new development? Never.

What good is a grant and matching funds amounting to \$1 million, which the town has received, if town officials use it to keep rehashing the same problems they already know they have without paying for new studies.

To quote a paragraph from something I wrote in February 2009: "It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out what's causing the deterioration of the May River. In spitting distance from my home is Hampton Hall and Hampton Lake sitting between Rose Dhu Creek and Stoney Creek, headwaters of the May River. Take away the trees, replace them with rooftops and what do you get? Pollution." With all the fresh water from rooftops flowing into the creeks and river, there's not enough salinity left in the river water to curb bacterial growth.

Bluffton officials need to put their money where their mouths are. They should quit spending on studies and committees when they already know the answer: Put a cap on new development and go out of the annexation business.

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