

Band-Aids aren't enough

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The following letter by John Moran appeared in the Gainesville Sun today, March 10, 2020. We chose not to print the op-ed by the former SRWMD employee because it is obviously too biased to present a reasonable view of the issue.

Thank you John Moran, for a bit of levity injected in a truly sad and sorry situation fostered by our Tallahassee lack of leadership.

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– A river is like a life: once taken,
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Band-Aids are useful; you'll find them in every first aid kit. But when the gunshot victim lies dying on the table, deeper intervention is demanded.

Overwhelmingly, the pollution befouling the formerly pristine springs of the Suwannee River basin originates in farm fertilizer and manure. And yet former Suwannee River Water Management District board chair Lynetta Usher Griner assures us in a March 8 column that Florida's agricultural Best Management Practices "help protect water resources."

Can you say "cognizant dissonance?" Visit any spring and ask yourself if you see evidence of a state committed to getting the water right.

Words matter. When Tallahassee says "Best," as in Best Management Practices, it begs the question: Best for what? Best for whom?

As we consider our beleaguered springs, a fundamental question cries out: "What's our real intention here?" If restoring Florida's springs is truly the goal, Band-Aids won't save this dying patient.

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