

March 22nd, 2026

From:

Sunil Menon (Sierra Ranches Resident)

To:

Judy Paul

Mayor, Town of Davie, Florida

Dear Mayor Paul:

I am writing to bring to your immediate attention an ongoing ecological disaster in the Sierra Ranches Preserve ☹️ a 24-acre downstream stormwater flowage, drainage and retention basin doubling as a wetland preserve that discharges into the N17 canal with a continuous hydrological connection to the Everglades.

In February 2026, Sierra Ranches residents began documenting mass fish kills, algal proliferation, and vulture congregations throughout the preserve. The enclosed evidence package includes video documentation uploaded by a resident, the HOA management company's own written acknowledgment of dead fish and carrion bird sightings, my contemporaneous complaints to the HOA and board members, and resident photographs and community messages documenting the conditions across multiple areas of the preserve.

The HOA's vendor attributed the fish kills to oxygen depletion caused by temperature fluctuations. This diagnosis is consistent with advanced eutrophication ☹️ a condition directly attributable to conditions from the construction defects, dimensional deficiencies, and lack of legally required maintenance that I have documented and reported to various regulatory authorities for over 2.5 years.

As you are aware, the Sierra Ranches preserve infrastructure is the subject of a sustained unlawful and improper finding by the SFWMD Office of Inspector General, October 1, 2024 confirming improper survey date and signature manipulation in the CBWCD as-built surveys, federal investigation, and a Chapter 558 Notice of Claim served on the developer, engineering firms and surveyor with no response from responsible parties within the statutory deadlines presumably confirming liability.

The ecological conditions now manifesting ² dead fish, algal blooms, carrion birds, oxygen depletion, and eutrophication ² are the predictable environmental consequences of the construction defects that have been documented and reported since 2023. These conditions pose public health concerns for the families with children living in the community. They also represent ongoing environmental contamination of a water body connected to the Everglades through a continuous hydrological pathway.

I respectfully request that the Town of Davie take immediate action to investigate these conditions, assess the public health implications for Sierra Ranches residents, coordinate with the SFWMD, CBWCD, Broward County, and relevant environmental agencies, and ensure that remedial measures are initiated without further delay.

The enclosed evidence package documents the current conditions. The engineering analysis, regulatory documentation, and institutional correspondence supporting the connection between the construction defects and the ecological disaster are available at ifqaf.org and deliverthepreservewedeserve.com and through counsel.

I welcome the opportunity to discuss these matters at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,
Sunil Menon

Enclosures: Evidence of Ecological Disaster and Fish Kills (Feb 2026) in the Sierra Ranches Preserve

cc: Brian Kopelowitz, counsel

Ecological Disaster and Fish Kills (Feb 2026) in the Sierra Ranches Preserve

These issues, likely attributable to physical and environmental conditions arising from the construction defects, fraud and lack of legally required maintenance, have been brought to the attention of various regulatory authorities for the last 2.5+ years

1/ Video uploaded by one resident: <https://vimeo.com/1175955358?fl=ip&fe=ec> in early February 2026

2/ Letter from Association acknowledging dead fish and vulture (carrion bird) sightings in Sierra Ranches

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Gmail - Sierra Ranches HOA - Landscaping Project & Property Updates



Sunil Menon <think.sunilmenon@gmail.com>

Sierra Ranches HOA - Landscaping Project & Property Updates

Do Not Reply - Sierra Ranches Community Assoc <donotreply@miamimanagement.com> Fri, Feb 27, 2026 at 2:29 PM
To: donotreply@miamimanagement.com

Dear Residents,

Happy Friday!

We are pleased to share the latest updates regarding the landscaping and ongoing maintenance at Sierra Ranches.

Mulching began on February 12, 2026, and is still ongoing throughout the community to give the grounds a fresh and well-maintained appearance. Additionally, our landscaper worked on straightening several trees that were impacted by the recent severe weather and high winds. New plants and trees have also been installed at the entrance of the property, continuing our efforts to enhance the community's curb appeal.

The next phase of the project will focus on landscaping improvements along Hiatus Road, completing the beautification of our main entrance, which we expect to be completed soon. As each phase progresses, we will continue to share updates and photos so you can follow along with the improvements.

We also want to address the dead fish issue in the community ponds, which has attracted vultures. Our vendor visited the property yesterday to reassess the situation and reported that recent drastic temperature fluctuations are affecting oxygen levels in the water, leading to fish deaths. We will continue removing deceased fish as they appear, but additional waves may occur until temperatures stabilize. We hope that normal weather conditions will soon restore healthy oxygen levels in the water. Please continue reporting any observations so we can promptly address them with the vendor.

Thank you for your attention, and we wish everyone a wonderful weekend!

Best regards,

On behalf of the board of directors,

Daniela Rivero, LCAM

✉ donotreply@miamimanagement.com

🌐 Community Website

📍 Sierra Ranches Community Assoc



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3/ My complaints to the HOA about dead fish after neighbors started flagging problems.

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Gmail - Fish carcass on residential shorelines



Sunil Menon <[redacted].com>

Fish carcass on residential shorelines

Sunil Menon <[redacted].com> Wed, Feb 18, 2026 at 4:53 PM
To: Daniela Rivero <[redacted].com>
Cc: 'Sh[redacted].com'; Tamir Ness <[redacted].com>; Marissa Gillespie <[redacted].com>; David Shapiro <[redacted].com>

Thank you for the prompt follow up! Please let me know once this has been done.

On Wed, Feb 18, 2026 at 10:14 AM Daniela Rivero <[redacted].com> wrote:

Good morning Sunil,

Thank you for bringing this up to our attention. We have contacted the vendor, and they should be going today to remove the dead fish.

Have a great day!

Best Regards,

Daniela Rivero, LCAM



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Sunrise, FL 33323

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You can reach our office at **954-846-7545** and dial 0 for the operator. If this is an after-office hours / weekend emergency, please dial our office at **954-846-7545** and follow the prompts.

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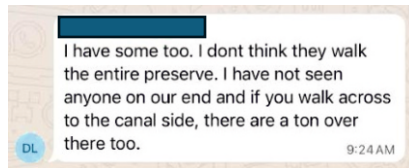
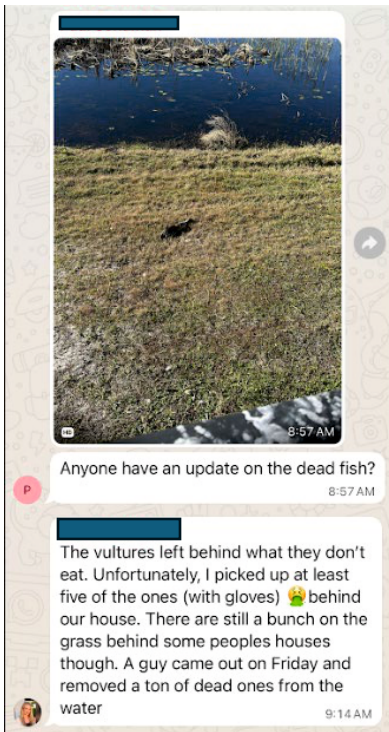
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Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2026 6:16 PM
To: Daniela Rivero <[redacted].com>
Cc: [redacted].com <[redacted].com>; Marissa Gillespie <[redacted].com>; David Shapiro <[redacted].com>; Tamir Ness <[redacted].com>
Subject: Fish carcass on residential shorelines

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Hello Daniela:

I walked the preserve residential shoreline today and noticed at least a dozen decaying fish carcass on the bank. Please have someone clean them as soon as possible. Please advise when you have done so.

Best regards,
Sunil

4/ Screen shots of various neighbors flagging dead fish and vulture sightings in internal message groups



These are the photos that I uploaded to grok

7:03 PM

Today I counted 4 dead fish behind my house and one of them already had vultures on it. It is presumed that it could be the excess of plants, little water and change in temperatures as you say Grock since they all died at the same time.

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I still believe we have too much vegetation in that preserve

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I don't remember these spatterdocks being planted. I think they just grew naturally and spread uncontrollable

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Thu, Feb 19

This body is officially eutrophic!

11:16 AM ✓✓

Mon, Feb 23

