

**Security and Maintenance**

Ensuring the integrity of our water supplies is the single most important action in the Water Use Plan. Water is integral to our health, our industry, our sanitary systems, our agriculture, our emergency systems, and indeed all aspects of our lives. Water is the most personal of resources as we drink it, bathe and cook with it. **A loss of public confidence in the water supply, even absent a true health hazard, would be a disaster for Sarasota County Utilities in terms of public perception and relations. It would also undoubtedly result in severe monetary losses to the County.**

Sarasota County Utilities proposes the following plan for asset protection:

- The Utility will continue to operate, maintain, and replace, when required, the electric security gate that is approximately one half mile north of the Border Road entrance to the Reserve. **Motorized vehicular travel will continue to be banned, with the exception of Sarasota County staff or their representatives, within the Reserve.**
- The security fencing around the perimeter of the Carlton Water Treatment Facility will be expanded to secure the existing infrastructure and any future expansions.
- Because the production wells are unmanned and farther from the facility, upgraded security will use of remote monitoring devices. These will include, but not be limited to, cameras, intrusion alarms, and motion detectors. Increased staffing or a contract with the private sector will accomplish monitoring of these devices.

All present and future public use activities must have staffing in place to support the planned activity and emergency response.