

This is a sample letter written to local and State officials as part of the Womens Club Letter Writing Campaign...

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Dear Councilman Loftus:

I am currently a resident in Myrtle Beach Golf & Yacht; this community contains approximately 1100 homes and condominiums. Development of this community began in 1984 with a Golf Course Community as one of its main amenities.

On October 6, 2014 the MYBGY&YC was notified of the closure of The Heron Point Golf Course. Since closure of the golf course our community has been in communication with golf course owners to reopen this course. Settlement discussions and mediation were terminated by the owner. As of this Date we know of no plans for restoration of the golf course.

The current residents have been in a constant communication with the golf course owners to maintain this property. The Heron Point owners are only maintaining 20 feet around the edges of the entire property. The grounds are overgrown, the ponds are filling with stormwater borne sediment, full of debris and choked by weeds. We as homeowners and voting residents have concerns over the health and safety issues that these conditions produce. Mosquitoes, snakes (a resident was recently hospitalized by a snake bite), alligators, and a wide variety animals (coyotes had to be removed recently) abound.

Retention ponds and lakes on golf course are an integral part of our stormwater drainage system. These ponds need to be drained and have the sediment removed, so they can hold enough stormwater runoff to prevent overflowing and flooding in our community when severe storms hit. The county has engineered their stormwater runoff from a very large portion of the Rt. 707 through our 1985 drainage system. That being the case they should force the owner of the golf course property to maintain the retention ponds and drainage ditches or start county maintenance before flooding damages our homes. This should be done before flooding leads to law suits against the county.

The Heron Point property is under litigation with MBG/YC concerning the future development. AS home owners we have concerns about property values for this community; we have already experienced a steady decline in value since the Golf Club closed. Until this matter is settled in court the property should be maintained properly by the current or the county to ensure the Health & Safety of this community as well as the property values.

The community is asking your help with pursuing this matter. Horry County non-emergency has been called on 8/1/16 This is the same issue Meredith Helline of WMBF reported concerning the Wicked Stick Golf Course. We are seeking prompt action, not empty promises.