

Letter: Thumbs up to Ellis for being taxpayer watchdog

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Why is it that FLORIDA TODAY is so quick to always give a thumbs down to Clerk of Courts Scott Ellis and County Commissioner Trudie Infantini, who are the only reliable watchdogs for Brevard taxpayers?

The county's Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) program mismanaged and spent money like it grew on trees, and now it wants us taxpayers to bail it out again.

Land sellers were overpaid millions of dollars for property by EEL managers instead of listening to Ellis, who advised them to renegotiate these astronomically overpriced purchases, only to have arrogant EEL leaders and board advisers totally reverse his common-sense advice.

With more than 60 percent of Brevard County already off the tax rolls and hundreds of thousands of acres in public control, we taxpayers have had it with increased property taxes and more regulations caused by agencies like EEL.

Many of us will work to alert low-information voters about this EELs' unaffordable expenditure.

Maybe FLORIDA TODAY might tell both sides of the debate for a change.

Thumbs up to Scott Ellis for once again being the watchdog of Brevard County taxpayers.